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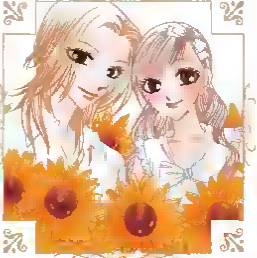

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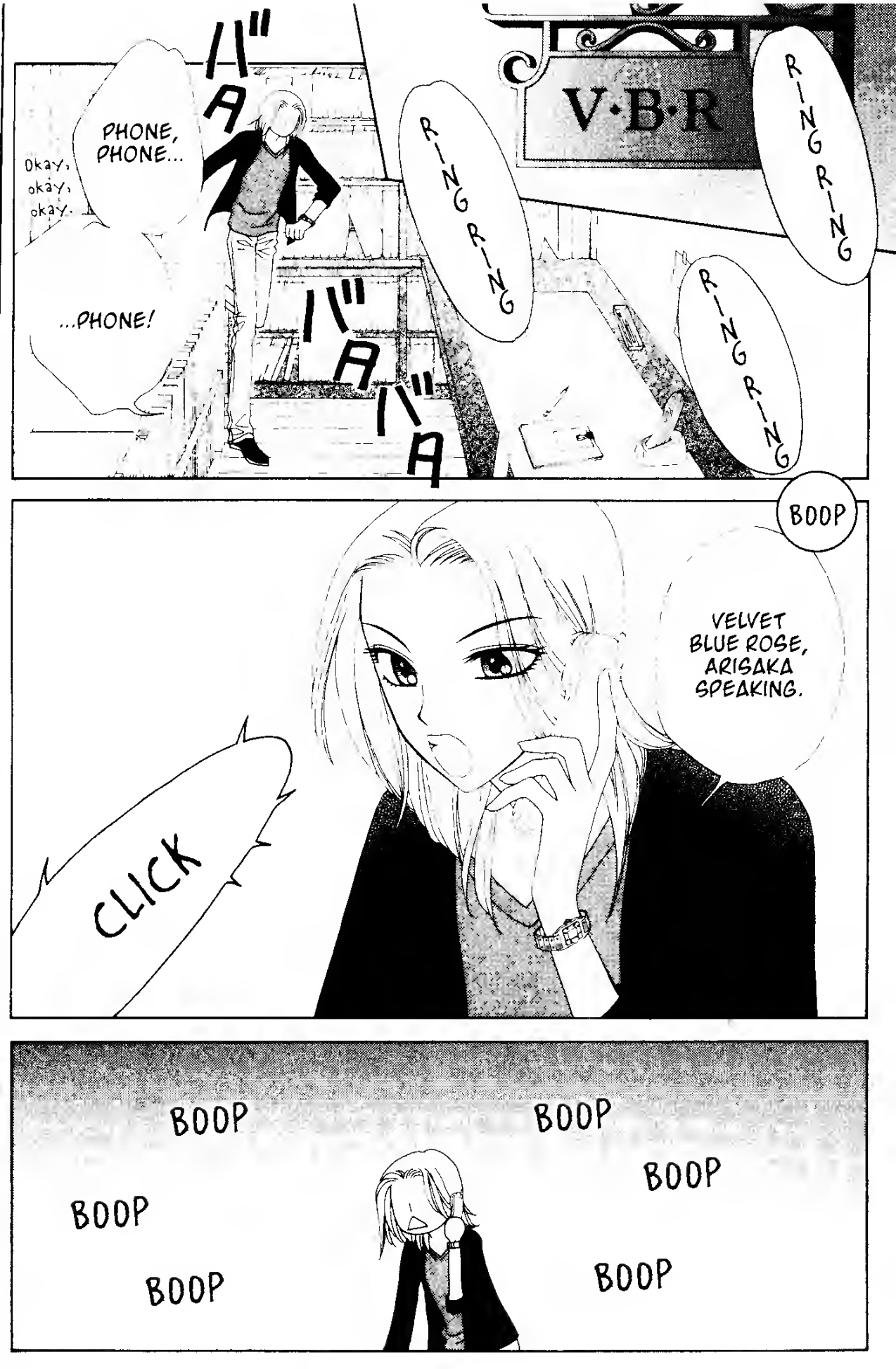
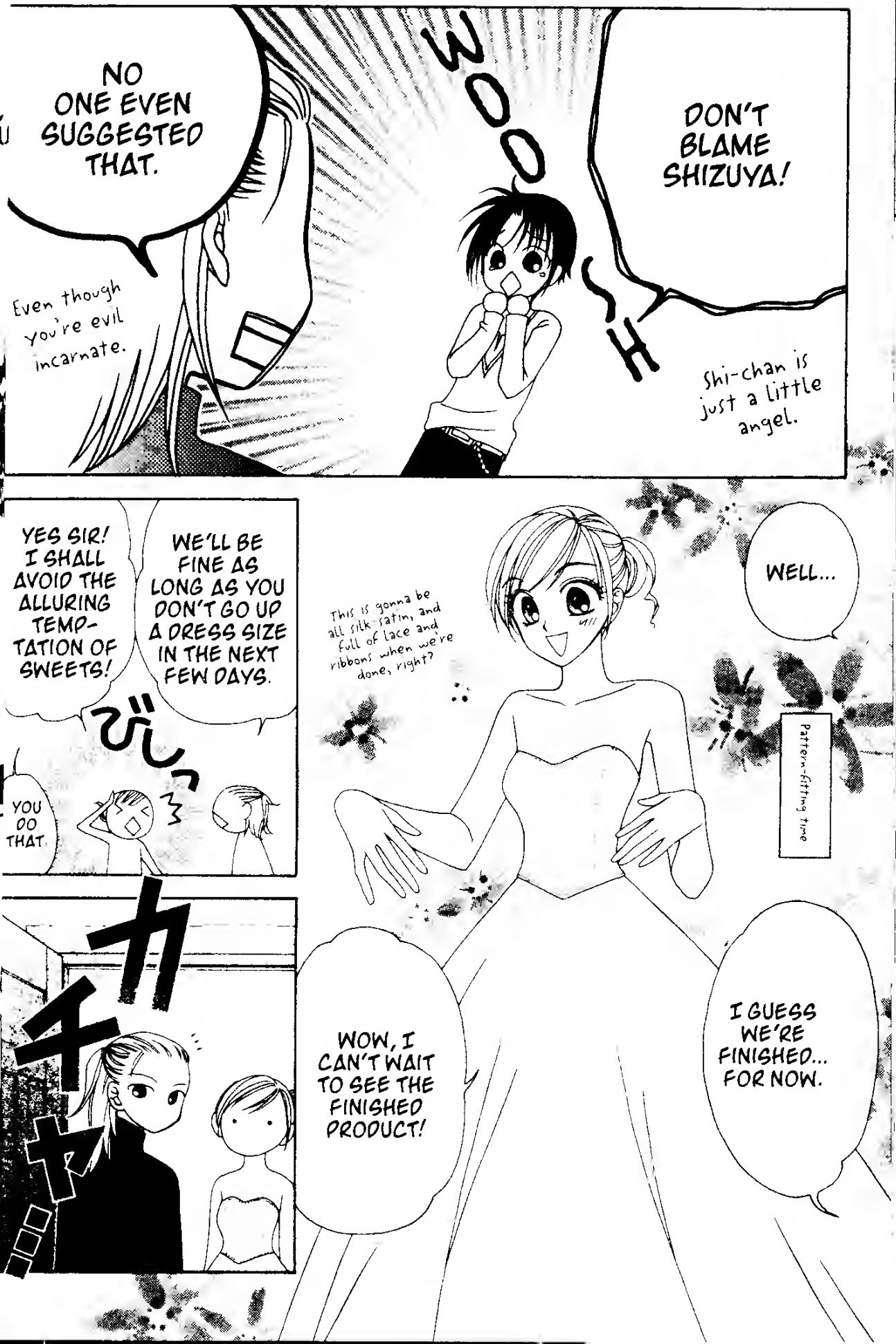
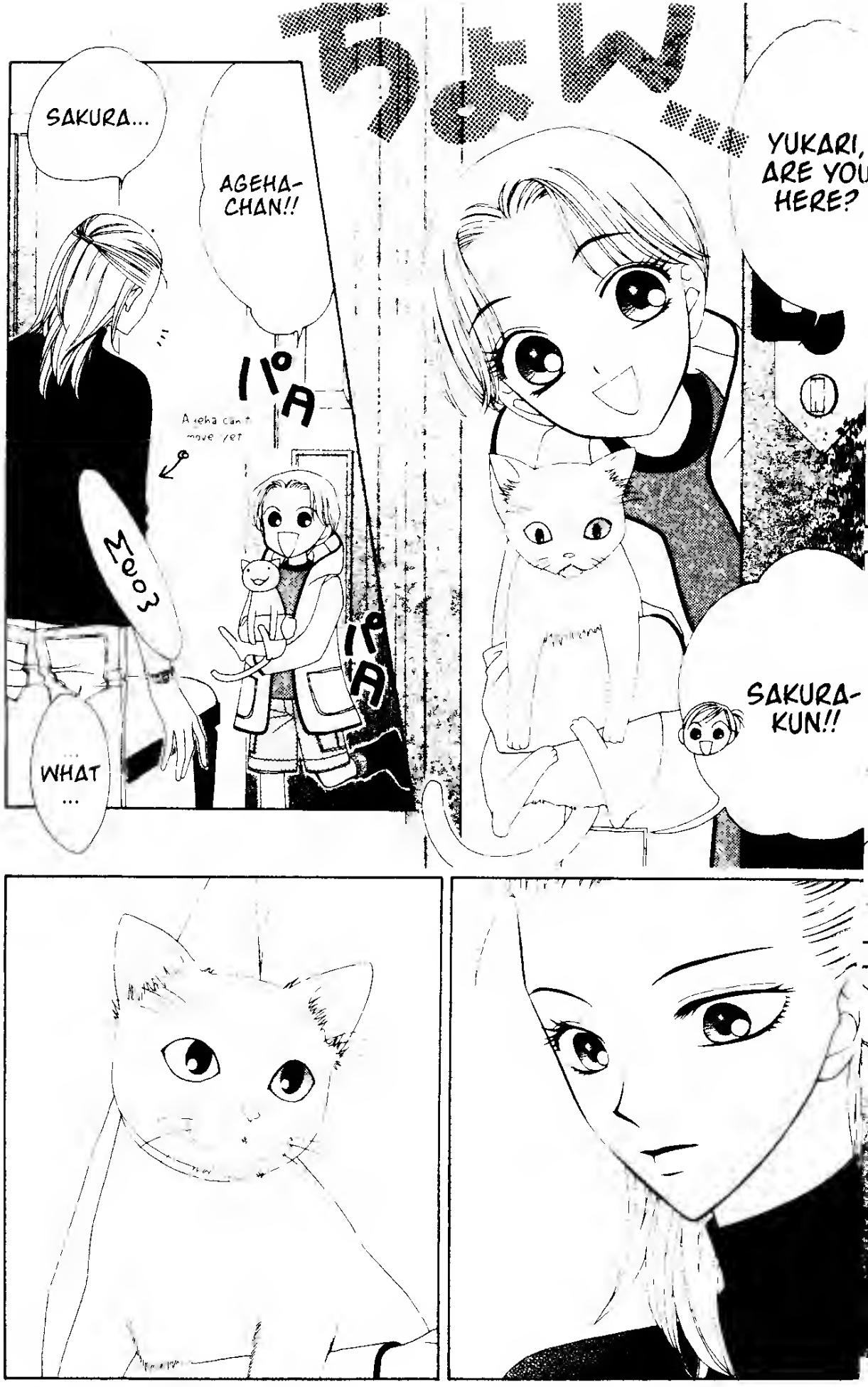

V·B·R
RING RING
RING RING
RING RING
PHONE, PHONE...
Okay, okay, okay.
...PHONE!
BOOP
VELVET BLUE ROSE, ARISAKA SPEAKING.
CLICK
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP

WHAT?
NO ONE WAS ON THE LINE?
DOOP
BOOP
BOOP
DOOP
DOOP
Grrr.
I ALWAYS HAVE TO STOP WHATEVER I'M DOING...
...TO ANSWER THE DARN THINGS.
THAT MUST BE REALLY ANNOY-ING.
PRANK CALLS?
Okay
YEAH, WE GET A LOT OF THOSE TYPES OF CALLS THESE DAYS.
Don't move or the dress pins will poke you.
DUNNO.

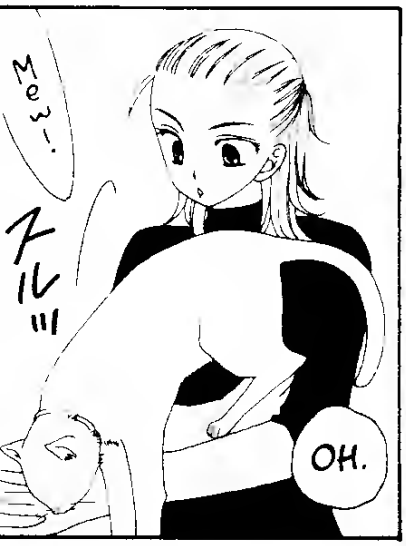

NO ONE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT.
Even though you're evil incarnate.
WOOSHI
DON'T BLAME SHIZUYA!
Shi-chan is just a little angel.
YES SIR! I SHALL AVOID THE ALLURING TEMPTATION OF SWEETS!
WE'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GO UP A DRESS SIZE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
びしっ
YOU DO THAT.
カチャ
WOW, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE FINISHED PRODUCT!
This is gonna be all silk satin, and full of lace and ribbons when we're done, right?
WELL...
Pattern-fitting time
I GUESS WE'RE FINISHED... FOR NOW.

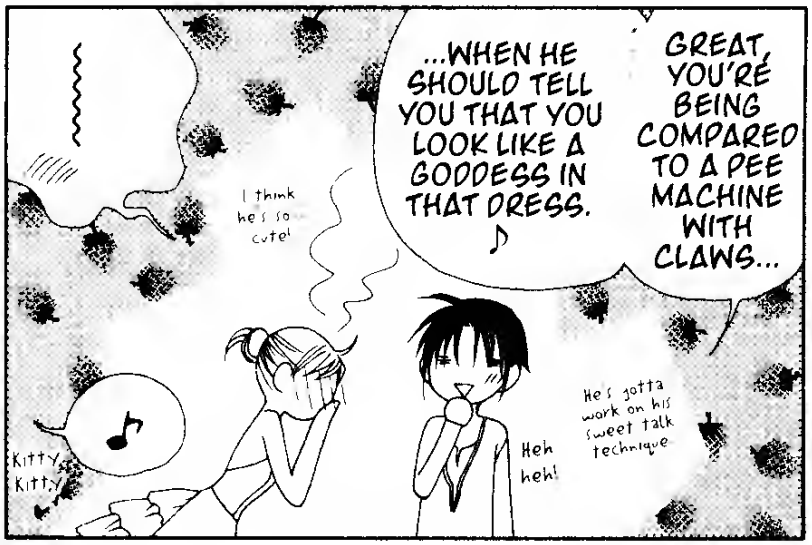

SAKURA...
AGEHA-CHAN!!
パパ
Ageha can't move yet
Σ003
...
WHAT
...
YUKARI, ARE YOU HERE?
SAKURA-KUN!!

IF HE'S NOT CAREFUL, HE'LL SQUISH THOSE TWO TO DEATH!
Oh my gosh!!
きゃー
WE'RE NOW OFFICIALLY THE CUTENESS CAPITAL OF JAPAN!
STOP UNDER-MINING MY AUTHORITY!
HERE, HOLD HER!
SAKURA, DON'T HOG THE KITTY LOVE!
Oh, why do I even bother?
RECIPE FOR DISASTER
Ooooh!
We have no litter box, for starters.
NO, SAKURA!
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU CAN'T BRING HER INTO THE SHOP.
ぶはっ
Bork
A... ARISAKA-SAN LOVES CATS? HOW CUTE!

RIRIKO...
sniff
sniff...
YOU THINK SO TOO?!
...DOESN'T SHE REMIND YOU OF HER?!
YOU KNOW... YUKI?
RIRIKO, WHERE DID YOU FIND THIS LOVELY SPECIMEN?
MY MOM'S FRIEND IS GOING TO BE AWAY FOR A MONTH...
...SO WE'RE KEEPING HER UNTIL SHE COMES BACK.
HER NAME IS CHIRO-CHAN. SHE'S A THREE-YEAR OLD FEMALE.
EVEN HER NAME IS ADORABLE!!
Almost as charming as the name Ageha
...
...
...

...CURIOUS... DELIGHTFUL CREATURES...
PURR PURR PURR
...ALWAYS REMIND ME OF YOU, AGEHA-CHAN.


Mew?
OH.


GREAT, YOU'RE BEING COMPARED TO A PEE MACHINE WITH CLAWS...
...WHEN HE SHOULD TELL YOU THAT YOU LOOK LIKE A GODDESS IN THAT DRESS. ♪
I think he's so cute!
Kitty, Kitty
Heh heh!
He's gotta work on his sweet talk technique

WHA?!
She likes me?!
Mew!
TAP
CHIRO-CHAN LOVES WOMEN.
DO I COUNT AS A "WOMAN" YET?
GUESS SO. CHIRO LOVES THE SMELL OF SHAMPOO AND PERFUME.
THE BETTER YOU SMELL, THE MORE SHE'LL LIKE YOU.
OHHH.
I LOVE WOMEN TOO! ♡
WE KNOW.
They smell yummy ♡

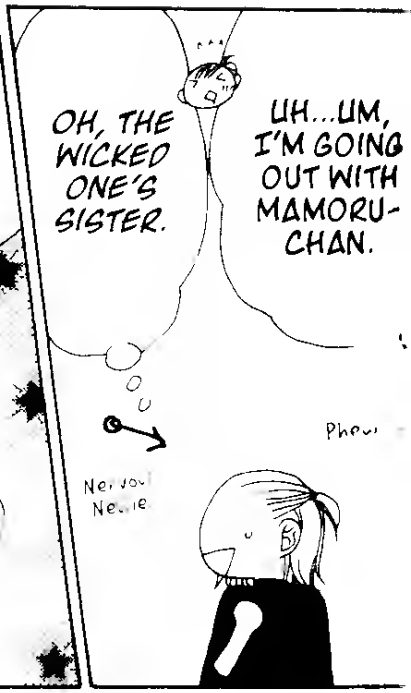
OH YEAH!!
ARISAKA-SAN, CAN I HAVE A DAY OFF NEXT SATURDAY?
HUH?
ALL RIGHT, AGEHA-CHAN, YOU CAN CHANGE OUT OF THAT DRESS NOW.
OH, THANK GOODNESS!
she can't move because of the dress pin
MMM...
WHAT-EVER.
YAY!
WHAT?
NO... NOTHING.
YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO SEE...THAT LITTLE FIEND, ARE YOU?!
Blissfully unaware of Nagare's dark side
HUH?!
YOU MEAN... NAGARE?

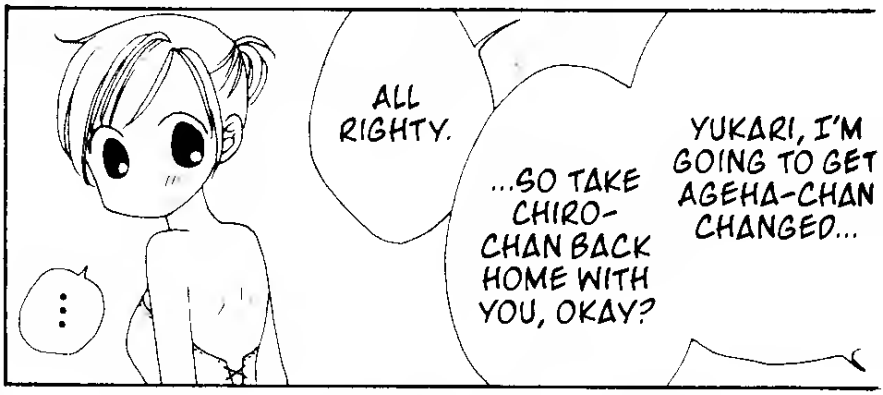
Hello! ♡ Banri Hidaka here. ♡

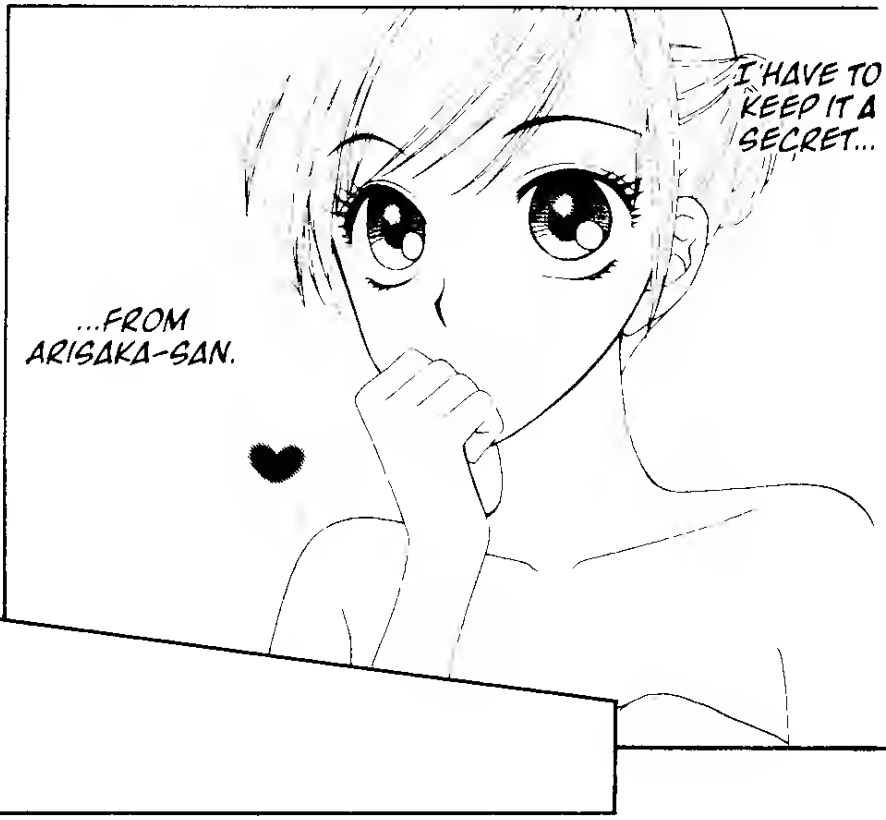
This year got warm fairly fast. February felt just like spring! I was so busy meeting deadlines that I didn't have time to go out and buy a spring coat. >< I wanted one with a flared hem...

I hope you enjoy my 35th manga, V.B. Rose Volume 9! >♡<

It's been a couple of days since I wrote the paragraph above. In the meantime, I found a spring coat that I wanted! It's pink and it's so cute♥ Springtime... I wonder where I can wear it...

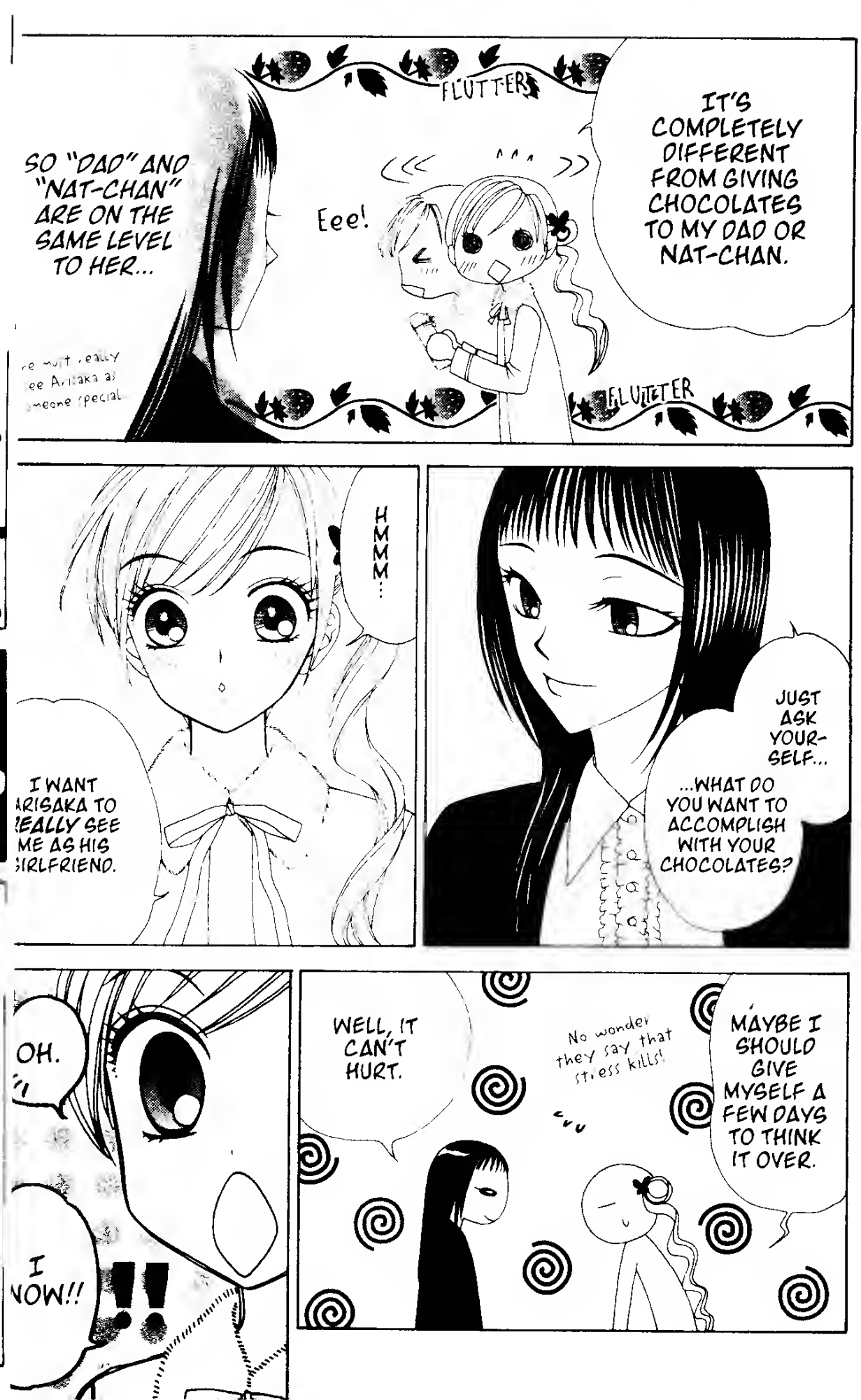






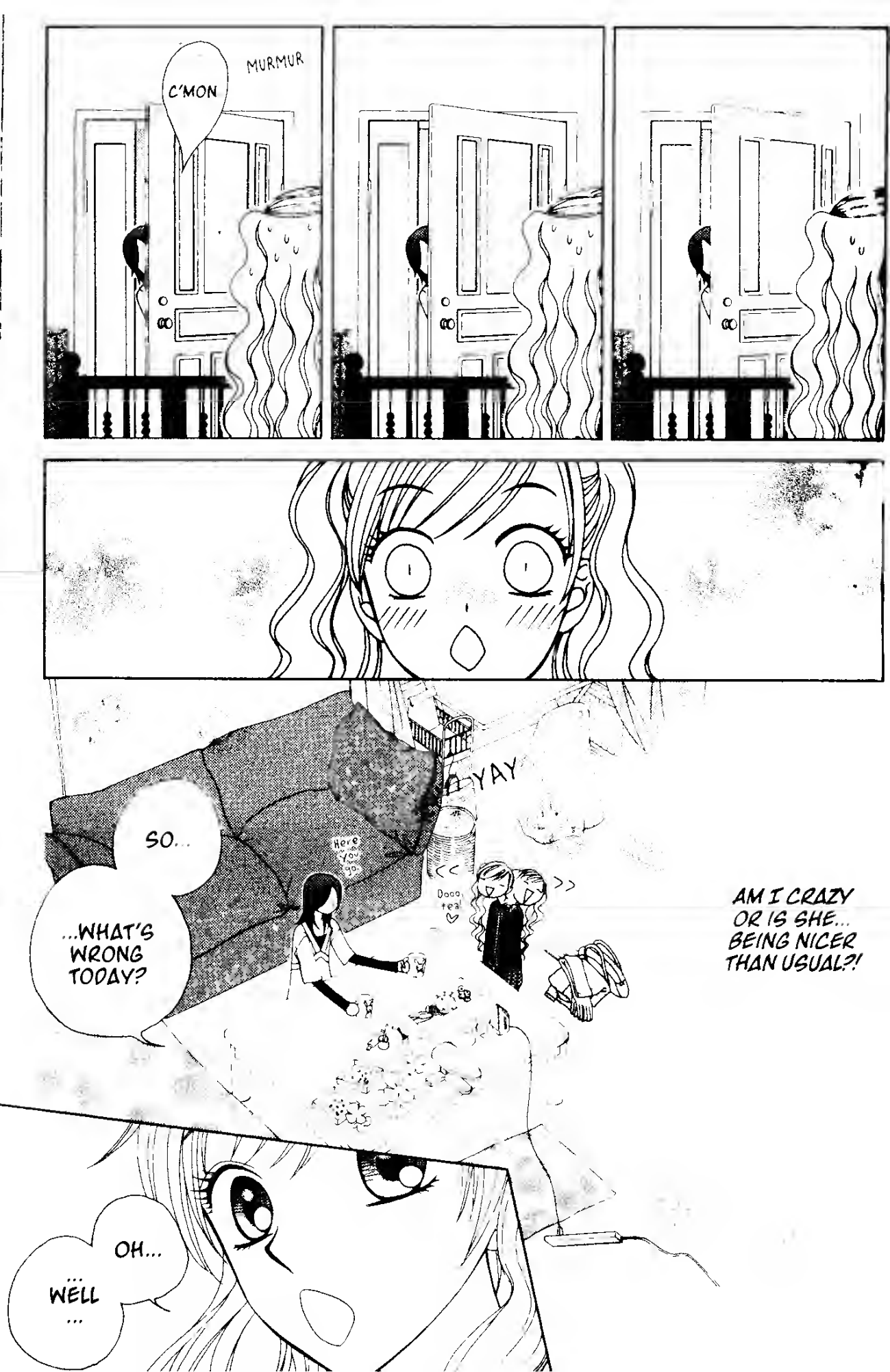
St. Valentine's Day Fair
SATURDAY
CASHIER
CASHIER
CASHIER
I WANT TO GIVE ARISAKA-SAN THE PERFECT GIFT...
...BUT I'M OVER-WHELMED BY POSSIBILITIES!
These are all so darling!
AHHHH, MAMORU-CHAN!
Perfectionist in Love
I DUNNO...

SO MUCH FOR A SECOND OPINION...
Chocolate sweet temptation
...THEY ALL LOOK SO DELICIOUS!
Tee hee
THERE'S A SPECIAL GIFT-WRAP CORNER HERE THAT WOULD MAKE IT EXTRA CUTE.
YOU COULD ALWAYS TRY THE HOMEMADE ROUTE.
She's on to something there
Yeah, maybe...
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
JEEZ...
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M GOING TO GIVE CHOCOLATES...
...TO SOMEONE LIKE ARISAKA. NO WONDER I'M SO NERVOUS.


SO "DAD" AND "NAT-CHAN" ARE ON THE SAME LEVEL TO HER...
re not really ee Arisaka as meone special
FLUTTERS
Eee!
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM GIVING CHOCOLATES TO MY DAD OR NAT-CHAN.
FLUTTER
HMMM...
I WANT ARISAKA TO REALLY SEE ME AS HIS GIRLFRIEND.
JUST ASK YOURSELF...
...WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH WITH YOUR CHOCOLATES?
OH.
I NOW!!
WELL, IT CAN'T HURT.
No wonder they say that stress kills!
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE MYSELF A FEW DAYS TO THINK IT OVER.

MAYBE I SHOULD CONSULT KANA-SAN.
HER PLACE IS ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL ANYWAYS.
SURELY KANA-CHAN WOULD WANT HER EX TO BE HAPPY...
Naivety, thy name is Ageha-chan...
OF COURSE SHE WOULD
Hmmm
OKAY!
YOU JUST DO THAT, SWEETIE.
SHE'S GOING TO CONSULT ARISAKA'S EX-GIRLFRIEND? CLASSIC BAD IDEA...
Hank
Han

SHIRASAKI PATCHWORK CLASS
DING
DONG
SCARY!
...
THE FOX-WOMAN EMERGES FROM HER DEN!


C'MON
MURMUR
YAY
SO...
...WHAT'S WRONG TODAY?
Here you go
Dooo tea!
AM I CRAZY OR IS SHE... BEING NICER THAN USUAL?!
OH...
...
WELL
...

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?!
...ON VALENTINE'S DAY?!
WHAT DID YOU DO FOR ARISAKA-SAN...
だー
!!
She's her own straight-man.
KA... KANA-SAN, YOUR TEA!
HE ALWAYS GAVE ME SOMETHING.
HE GAVE HER SOMETHING? BUT THAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF HOW VALENTINE'S NORMALLY IS IN JAPAN!
Whoaaa!
But at least she answered

SUCH AS IT IS C'MON, WHY GO TO THAT MUCH TROUBLE?
YUKARI GAVE THIS TO ME ON VALENTINE'S DAY.
HE MADE IT HIMSELF.
WHAT?
YOU ASKED ME...
...ABOUT MY PINKY RING BEFORE.
UM...
...YES.
What? That have to do with anything?
I HAVE NO SENTIMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO THIS THING.
I'M JUST USED TO WEARING IT, THAT'S ALL.
DON'T GET ME WRONG.
...WILL GIVE YOU THE SAME GIFT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY.
PRETEND TO BE SURPRISED... AND PLEASED.
..BEING AN UNIMAGINATIVE CREATURE OF HABIT..
I'M WILLING TO BET MONEY THAT ARISAKA...

I'VE NEVER BEEN GIVEN A RING BEFORE...
...I'M SO EXCITED!
OH BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT I'M GOING TO GET ONE TOO, DOES IT?!
I SHOULDN'T EXPECT ANY-THING.
BUT I'D BE SO HAPPY IF HE GAVE ME ONE!
SQUEAL!!!!
Pinky ring are so cute ♥

A... RING.
WOW, A RING?!
WOW!
WOW!

YOU'RE SO GENUINE IT PISSES ME OFF.
WHA A-YOU DOHING??
YANK
Shut up
Stop!
Dooh, stretchy
I pissed her off?!
I pissed her off...
Dork...

TURN
SWOOSH
Heh...
Hm?
? ?
TURN
SWOOSH
GRIN
? ? ?
GIVE ME YOUR HAND.
HUH?! WHICH HAND?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH, JUST HURRY UP.
ER...YES MA'AM.
ガサゴソ
KANA-SAN?
.....

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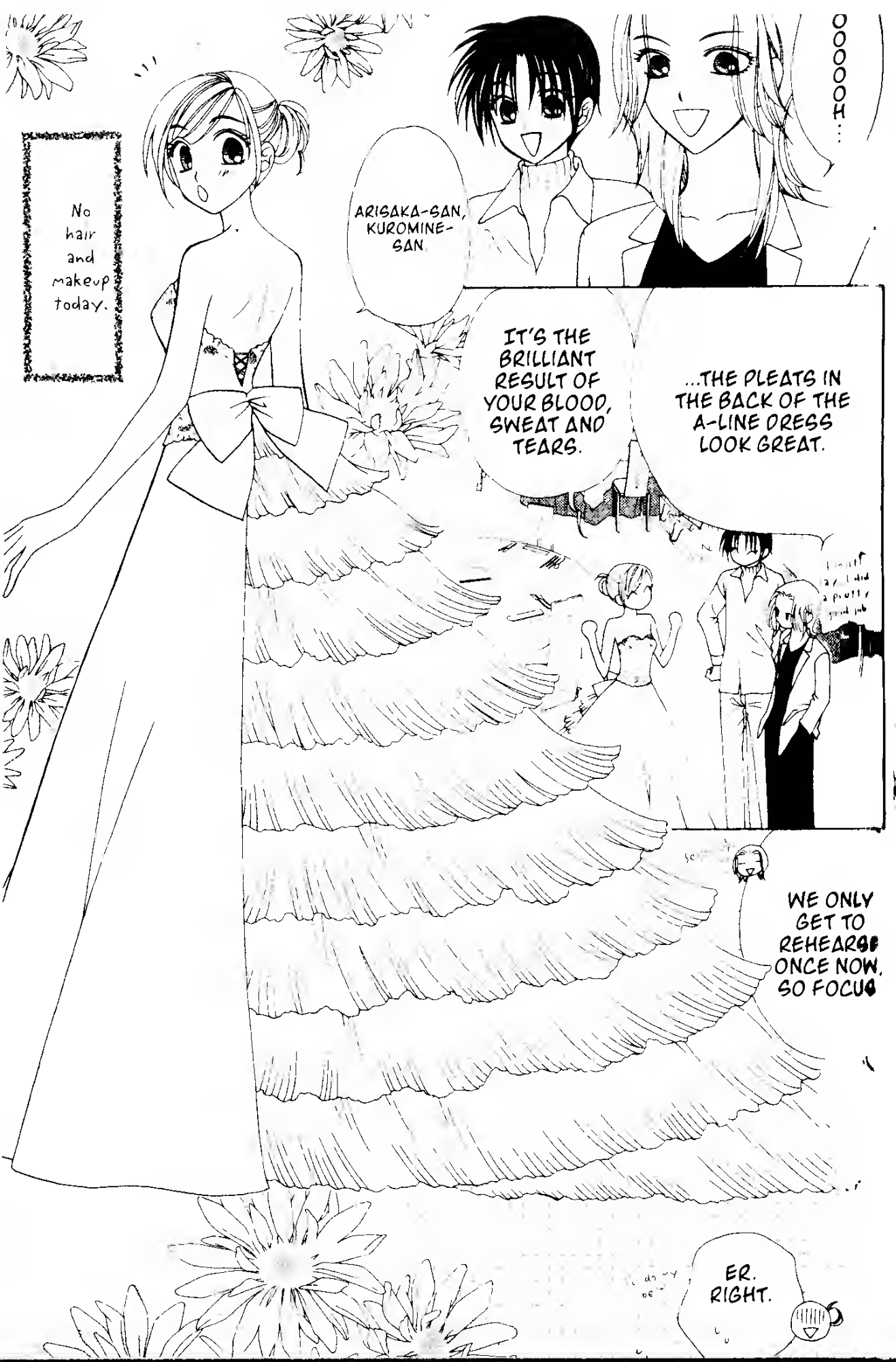
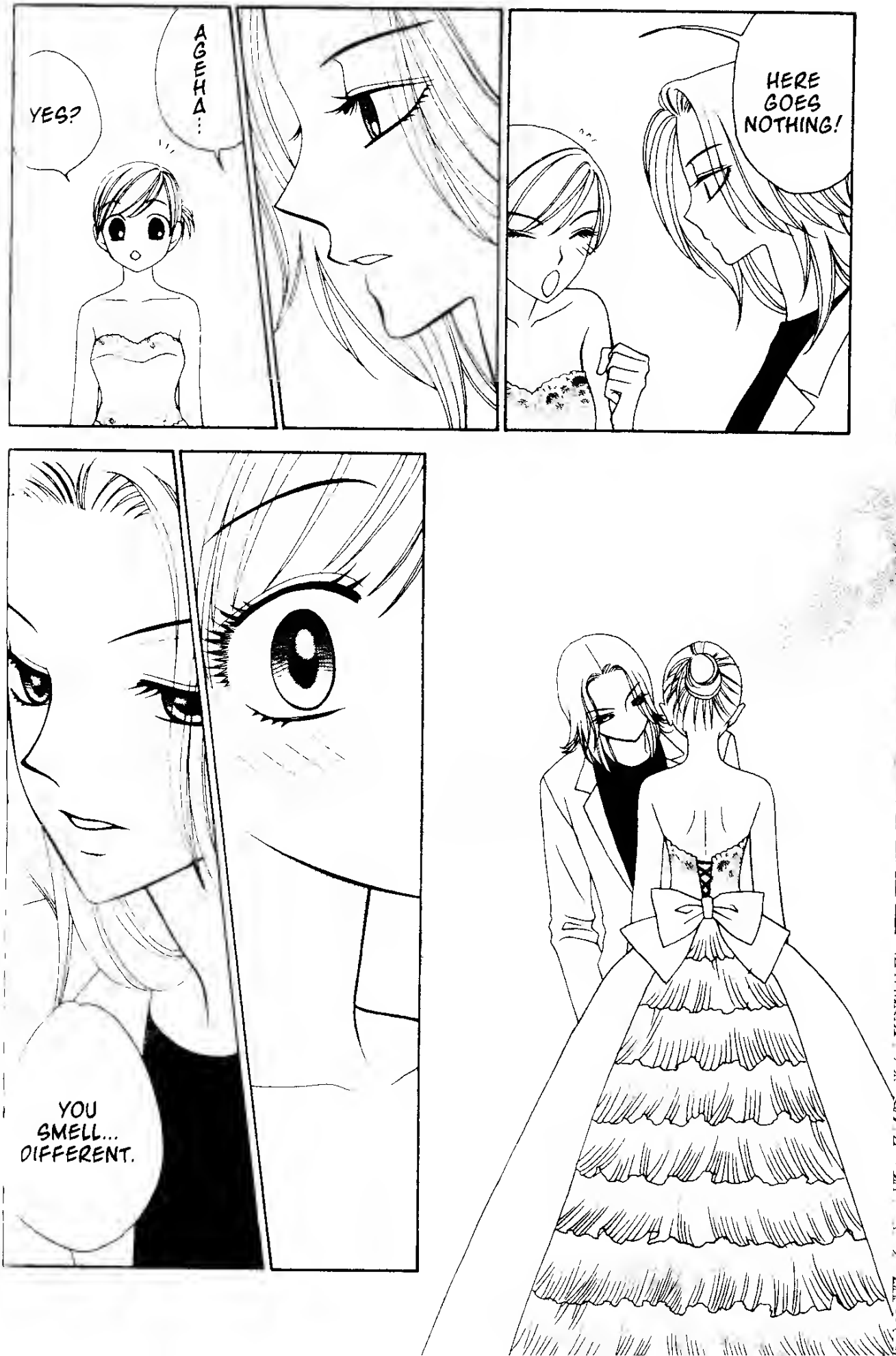
OH...
OOH... WOW.
HERE, TAKE IT.
SQUEAL!
IT SMELLS SO GOOD!!
WHAT?!
Are you sure?!
IT'S JUST SOME PERFUME THAT TSUYU-CHAN GAVE ME, THAT'S ALL.

WHAT-EVER.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ♡
...EVERYONE IS WORKING HARD TO MAKE THE DRESS PERFECT...
BECAUSE WE ALL CARE SO MUCH FOR ARISAKA-SAN...
BEFORE I LEAVE, I SHOULD MENTION THAT THE DRESS-MAKING IS COMING ALONG WELL.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR CORSAGE, TOO. ♡
IT'LL LOOK BETTER WITH TSUYU-CHAN'S BEADS.
I'm still working on it! ^^;
... IN TIME FOR THE DRESS SHOW ...

THE BRIDAL FAIR IS DRAWING CLOSER.
4 DAYS BEFORE THE SHOW
DRESS REHEARSAL


No hair and makeup today.
ARISAKA-SAN, KUROMINE-SAN
OOOOOH...
IT'S THE BRILLIANT RESULT OF YOUR BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS.
...THE PLEATS IN THE BACK OF THE A-LINE DRESS LOOK GREAT.
WE ONLY GET TO REHEARSE ONCE NOW, SO FOCUS
ER. RIGHT.


AGEHA...
YES?
HERE GOES NOTHING!
YOU SMELL... DIFFERENT.

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YOU SMELL GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT.
DO YOU LIKE IT?
KANA-SAN GAVE ME A LITTLE SPRAY BOTTLE OF PERFUME.
I WAS SO HAPPY THAT I COULDN'T HELP BUT PUT IT ON.
FROM KANA?
I SEE.
ペロ
SNUFF SNUFF
OOOH, IT'S "ÈCLAT D'ARPÈGE" ISN'T IT? ♡
can I smell the wisteria ♪
ペロ
"OW
トイ
Back off.
THIS ISN'T MATING SEASON, YOU DOG!
BLOCKADE
GOSH, GETTING TERRITORIAL NOW, AREN'T WE? ♡
SHUT UP!

Okie dokie!
...SO CAN I TAKE IT BACK WITH US?
IT SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS WE BRING IT BACK THE DAY BEFORE.
SEKI-GUCHI!
I WANT TO FIX A FEW THINGS ON THIS DRESS...

...NONE OF US WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT TAKING IT BACK WITH US...

ALAS...

...AT THAT MOMENT...

..WOULD BE SUCH A DISASTER.

Kat Scans

WHOOOHOO! I SPENT A DAY SCANNING VOL 9-11 ALSO, YOU ARE OFFICIALLY STUCK WITH ME FOR A WHILE I HAVE HEARD THAT TOKYOPOP IS CLOSING DOWN GERMANY AS WELL SINCE THAT I HAVE, I MAY DECIDE TO CARRY ON THIS MANGA BY TRANSLATING IT BUT WHO KNOWS

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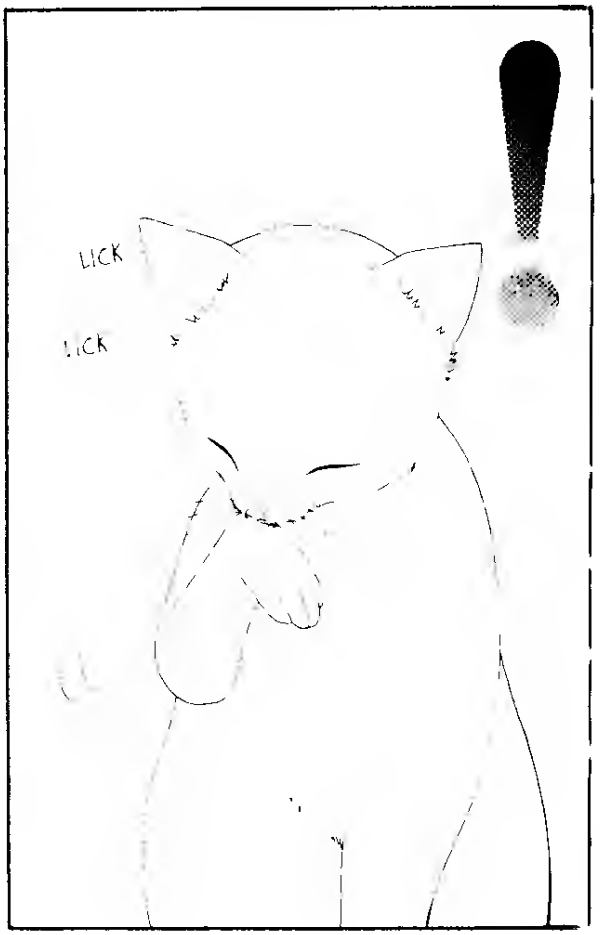
!
LICK
LICK

AAAAAAAGGGHH!!
...AND THEN SHE JUST RAN STRAIGHT FOR THE PRETTY DRESS...
...SO I BROUGHT HER TO THE SHOP, BUT THEN YOU WEREN'T HERE...
I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D WANT TO PLAY WITH CHIRO-CHAN TOO...
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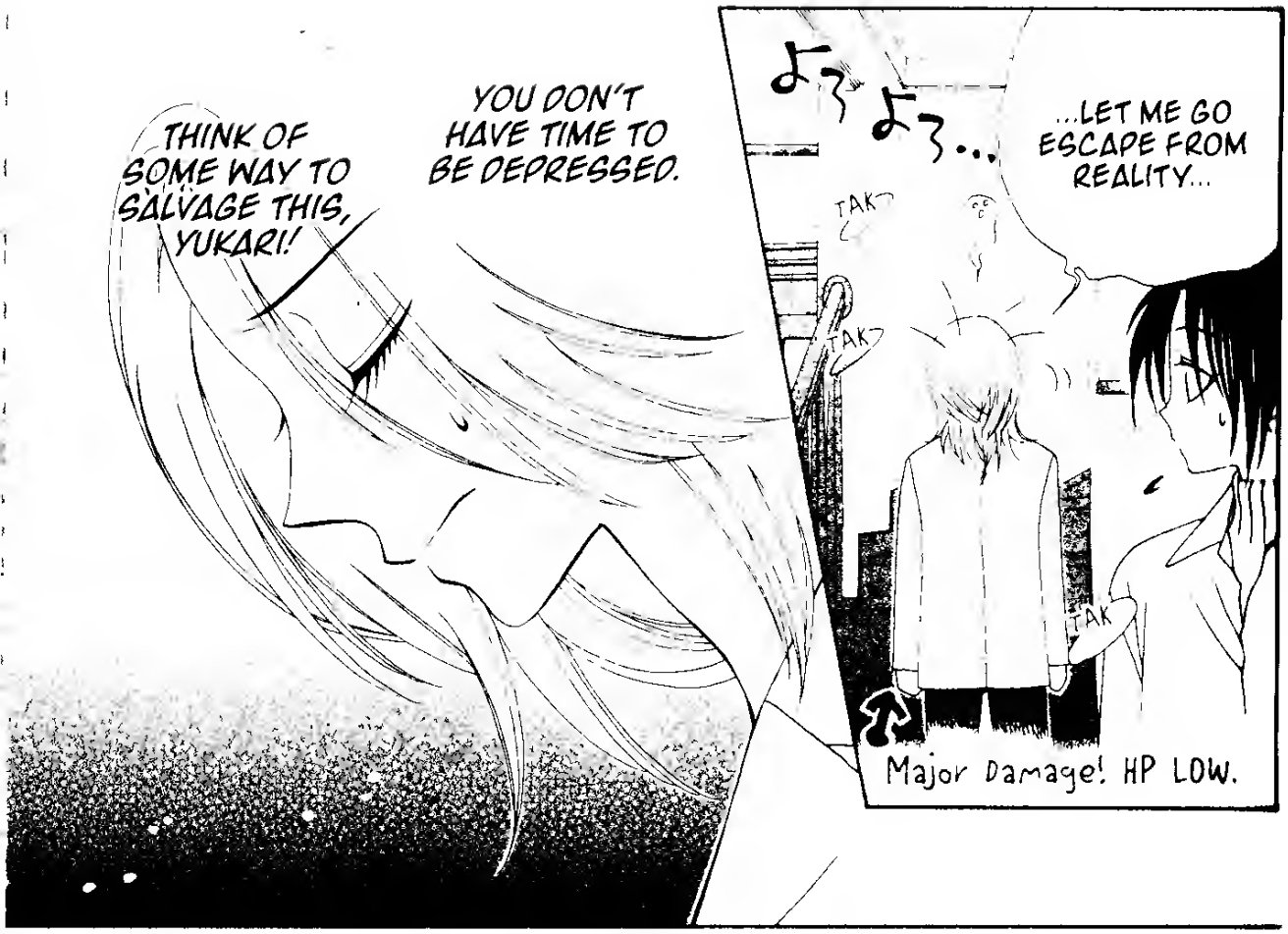
ビィィィン
Shred

Big brother knows how to hit where it hurts!


よろよろ...
...LET ME GO ESCAPE FROM REALITY...
TAK
TAK
TAK
Major Damage! HP LOW.
YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE DEPRESSED.
THINK OF SOME WAY TO SALVAGE THIS, YUKARI!

— 3 DAYS UNTIL THE FAIR —
V.B.
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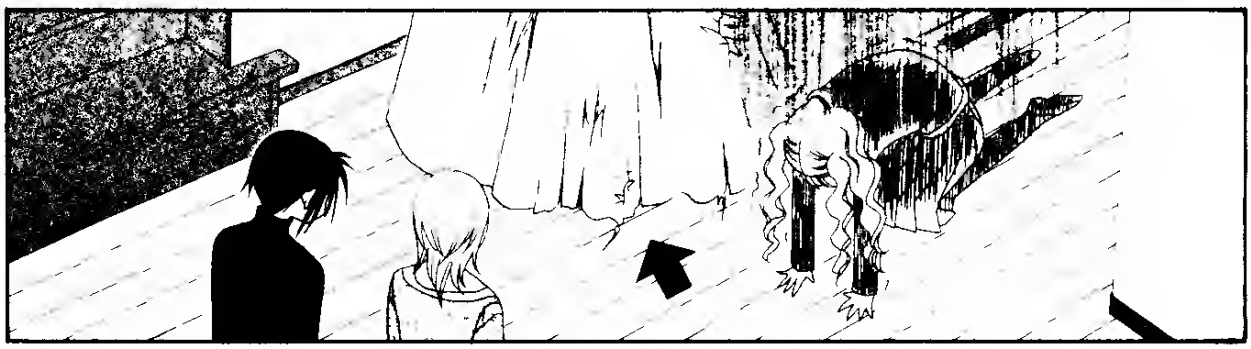


IT'S FROM THE SHOP.
RING RING
FLIP
I wonder what could be
RING RING
RING RING
BEEP
HELLO?
ICHIHA-SHI? IT'S KUROMINE.
KU... KU... KU... KU... KU... KU...
びくっ
Eeeeeeeeeek!
?!
?!
?!
LOOK, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE FLIRTATIOUSLY EVIL RIGHT NOW...

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. JUST GET DOWN HERE RIGHT NOW.
Pick the phone back up, would you...?
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
TREMBLE TREMBLE
What are you freaking out about?
DON'T SCARE HER
DON'T
WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND WE NEED YOU HERE RIGHT AWAY.
WHAT?
WHAT?!
HUH?
WE NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE.
WHAT?! NO!
I'M COMING TO PICK YOU UP.

!!!
ooo
AND IF YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT FLEEING, I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.
whoo
ooosh
OKAY, THANKS.
RING RING
HEH!
OKAY, YUKARI-KUN! ♪
I'M HEADING OUT! ♡
RING RING
BEEP

Something happened to me recently that made me extremely happy.

I finally lost 1kg!

It's a miracle!!

My secret? I stopped eating between meals and snacking (especially at night). It worked! ♥ I'm scared of weighing myself today. It might all just have been a wonderful dream. Ha ha. Anyway, gotta keep eating healthy 'coz there's a denim skirt that I'm dying to fit into

I wonder why something as unimportant as weight affects my self-image so much?

Changing.

WAIT, WAS THAT HIS EVIL VOICE ON THE PHONE JUST THEN?!

I HOPE I'M NOT CATCHING YOU AT A BAD TIME.

MAKI-SAN?

RING RI

BIIP

THIS IS ARISAKA.

CLICK

ALL SET.

...OKAY.

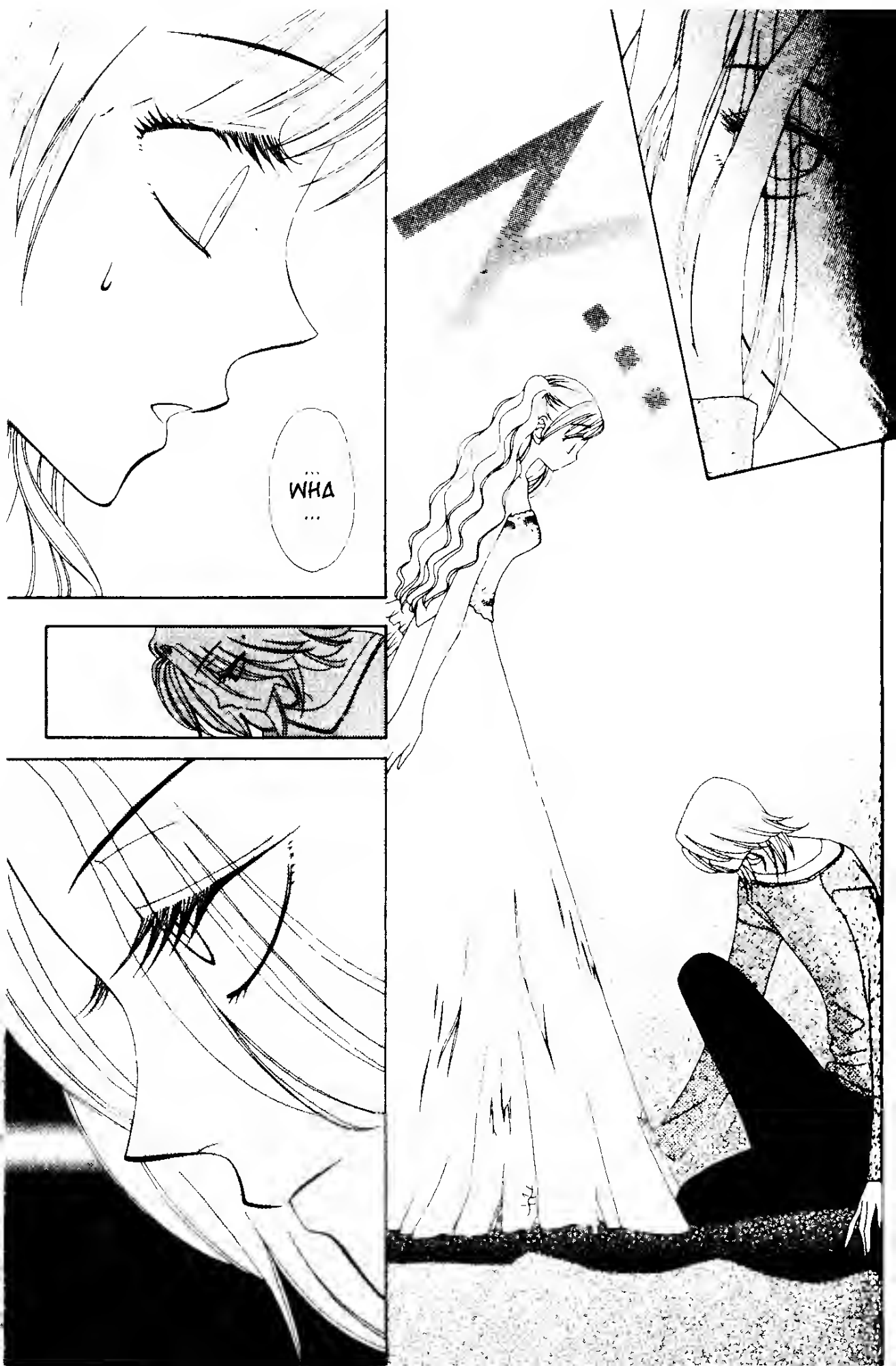
PHEW

I NEED YOUR HELP.

WOULD YOU MIND COMING OVER AS SOON AS YOU CAN?

GREAT. THANK YOU.

MAKI-SAN IS COMING TOO?
DAMN IT!
UH... UM, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
CRUD! I HAVE TO CALL KANA TOO.
She'll throw a fit when I tell her.
YEAH, I WANT HIM TO CHANGE YOUR HAIRSTYLE A BIT.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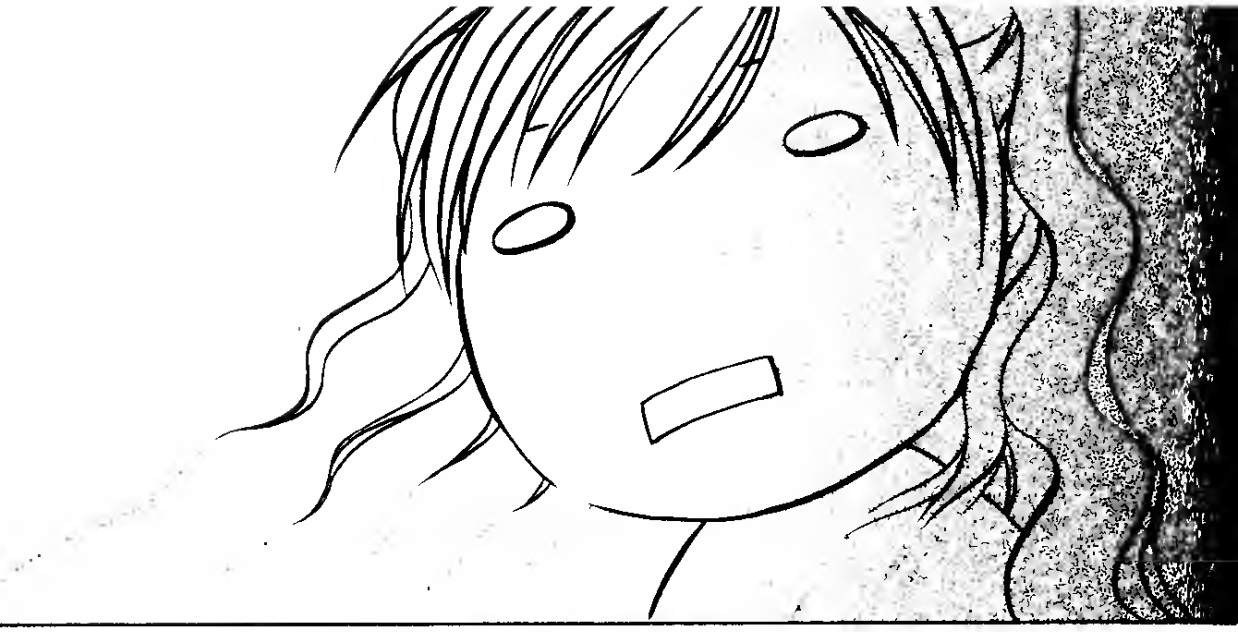
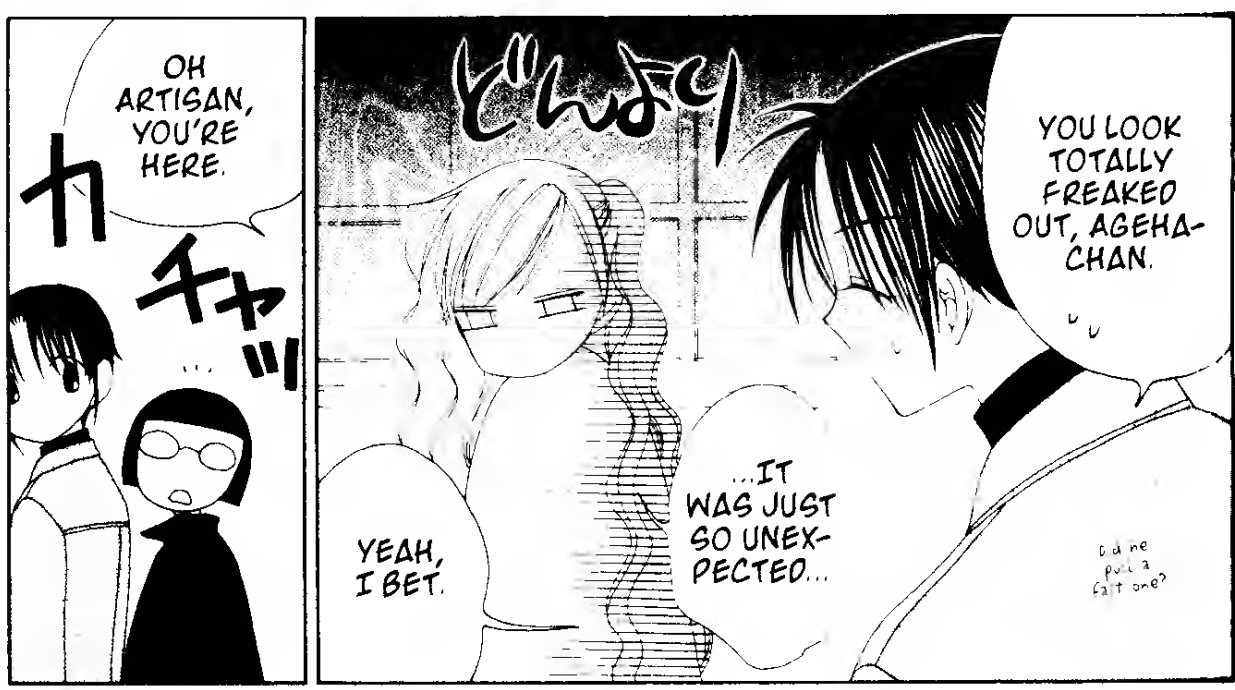
WHA
...

I'M BACK! AND I'VE BROUGHT A HOSTAGE!
SLICE




OH ARTISAN, YOU'RE HERE.
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どんより
YOU LOOK TOTALLY FREAKED OUT, AGEHA-CHAN.
...IT WAS JUST SO UNEX-PECTED...
YEAH, I BET.
Did he put a curse on me?

ARISAKA-KUN...
...UM...I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED.
I'm so sorry
THANKS...
NOW DOWN TO BUSINESS.
I WANT BEADS ALL THE WAY AROUND THIS LACY PART. AS FAST AS YOU CAN.
!
THAT'S THE SAME LACE THAT OUTLINES THE BODICE.
YEAH.
WAIT, ISN'T IT DIFFICULT TO SEW ON THAT MATERIAL?!
THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IN OUR EXPERT.
HUH?
?

WHAT DO YOU SAY, ARTISAN?
.....
I CAN DO IT.
SLIP...
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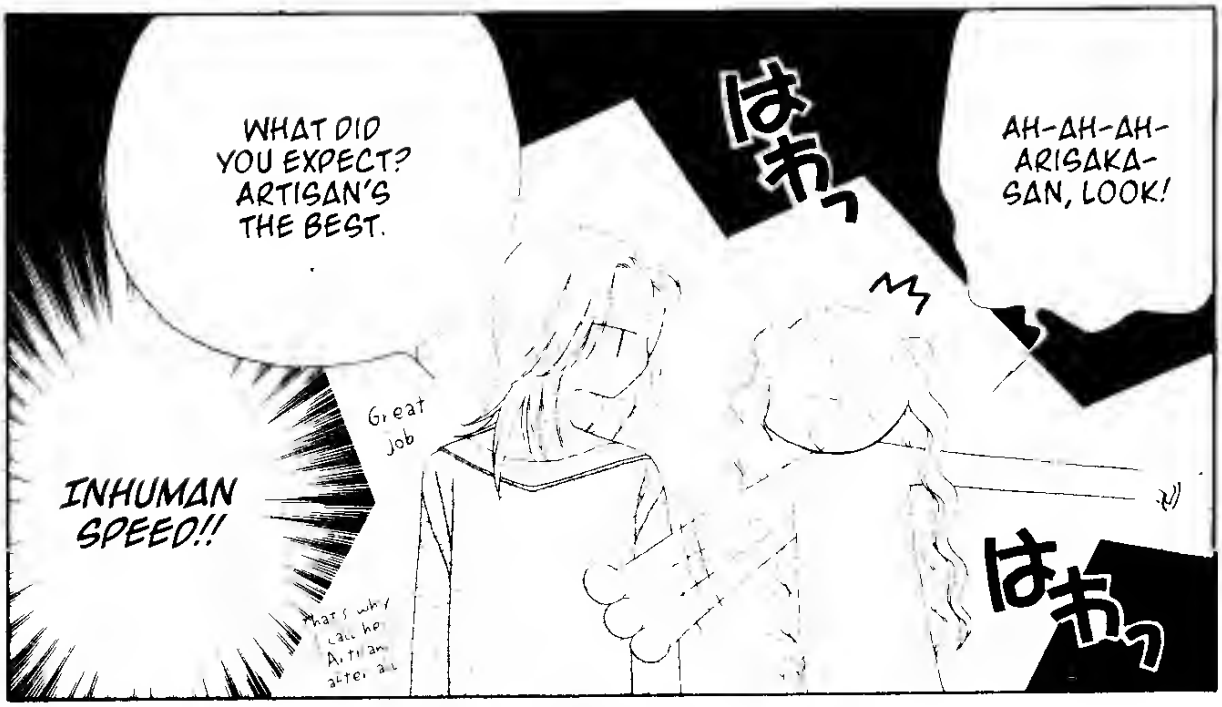
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
LIGHTNING FAST!!


AH-AH-AH-ARISAKA-SAN, LOOK!
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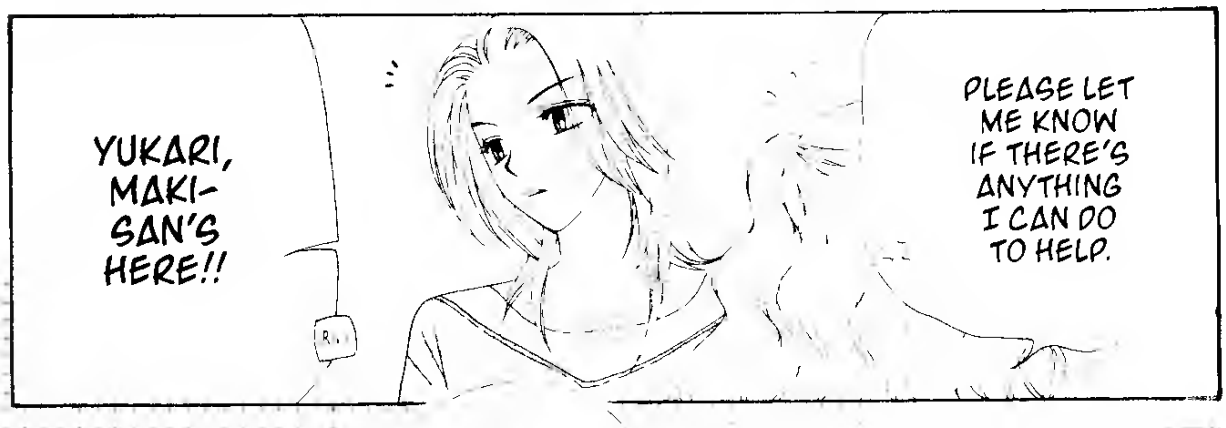
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? ARTISAN'S THE BEST.
Great job
INHUMAN SPEED!!
はわっ


YUKARI, MAKI-SAN'S HERE!!
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP.

OKAY!
COME ON, YOU'RE UP NOW
MAN...
THIS IS A REAL DISASTER, ISN'T IT.
OUR OWN CARELESS-NESS IS TO BLAME. SORRY.

BUT IT DOES REQUIRE A NEW 'DO.
...IT MIGHT EVEN BE FUN.
THANK YOU.
YEAH, THAT NEW DESIGN JUST MIGHT WORK.
NEW DE-SIGN?!
AT THIS LATE DATE?!
YES.
BUT YOU HAVE A PLAN, OF COURSE.
SNICKER SNICKER
TAK
Hmm, what should I do?
TAK
YUKARI-KUN? CAN I GET YOUR HELP HERE FOR A SEC?
GOT IT!

TSUYU-SAN IS AMAZING...
...I...FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH NOTHING TO DO.
UM, MAKI-SAN...
...AND ARISAKA-SAN AND KUROMINE-SAN...
...ARE MEGA-BUSY.
...I WISH THAT I COULD HELP OUT IN SOME WAY.
I JUST

STOP STRES-SING.
'ALL ARISAKA NEEDS RIGHT NOW IS A LITTLE SUPPORT. YOUR SWEET FACE...
...YOUR ENCOURAGE-MENT, YOUR UNSHAKABLE FAITH IN HIM...
HE COUNTS ON THOSE THINGS MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.
FOR NOW, JUST SIT AND RELAX...

A MODEL CAN'T AFFORD TO LOOK WORRIED. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO LOOK YOUR BEST.
YEAH... I GUESS. I'LL TRY.
...YOUR TURN WILL COME AROUND SOON.
MAKI-SAN...
NOW, CHIN UP
...AND SMILE, SMILE, SMILE, SMILE.
heh heh
THANKS MAKI-SAN.

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STARE
ER... WHAT?
I'LL TAKE YOU HOME BEFORE IT GETS TOO DARK.
HEY AGEHA, YOU HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW, DON'T YOU?
CLICK
THA... THANKS.
I WASHN'T WORRIED.
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I CAN TELL SOMETHING'S BUGGING YOU. KNOCK IT OFF.
SLAM
That's no excuse!
SORRY, BUT YOUR FACE IS SO DARN SMUSH-ABLE.
SO, STOP SMUSHING MY CHEEKS.
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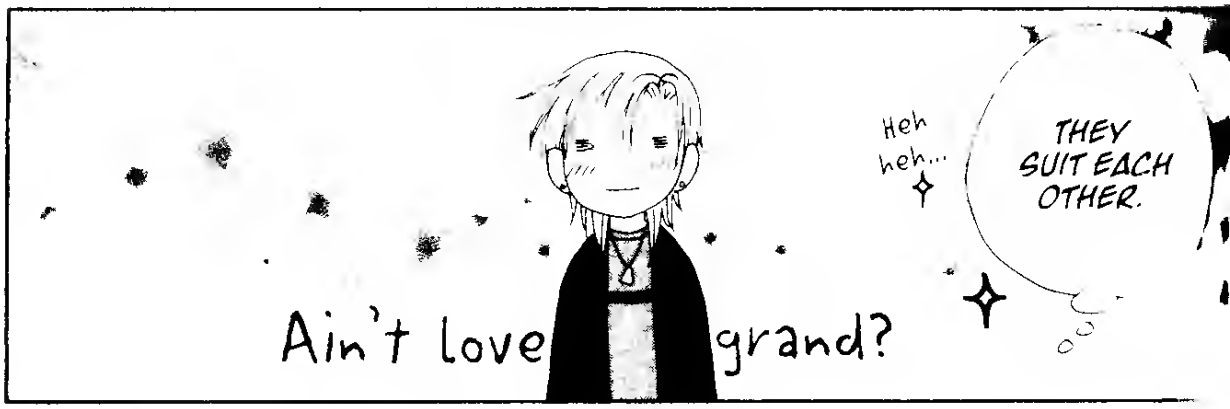
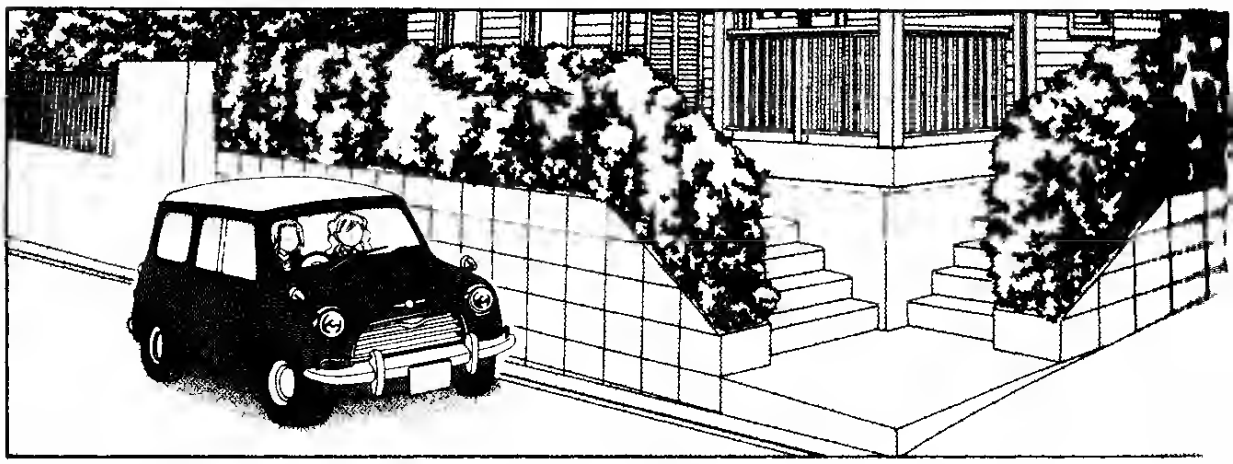
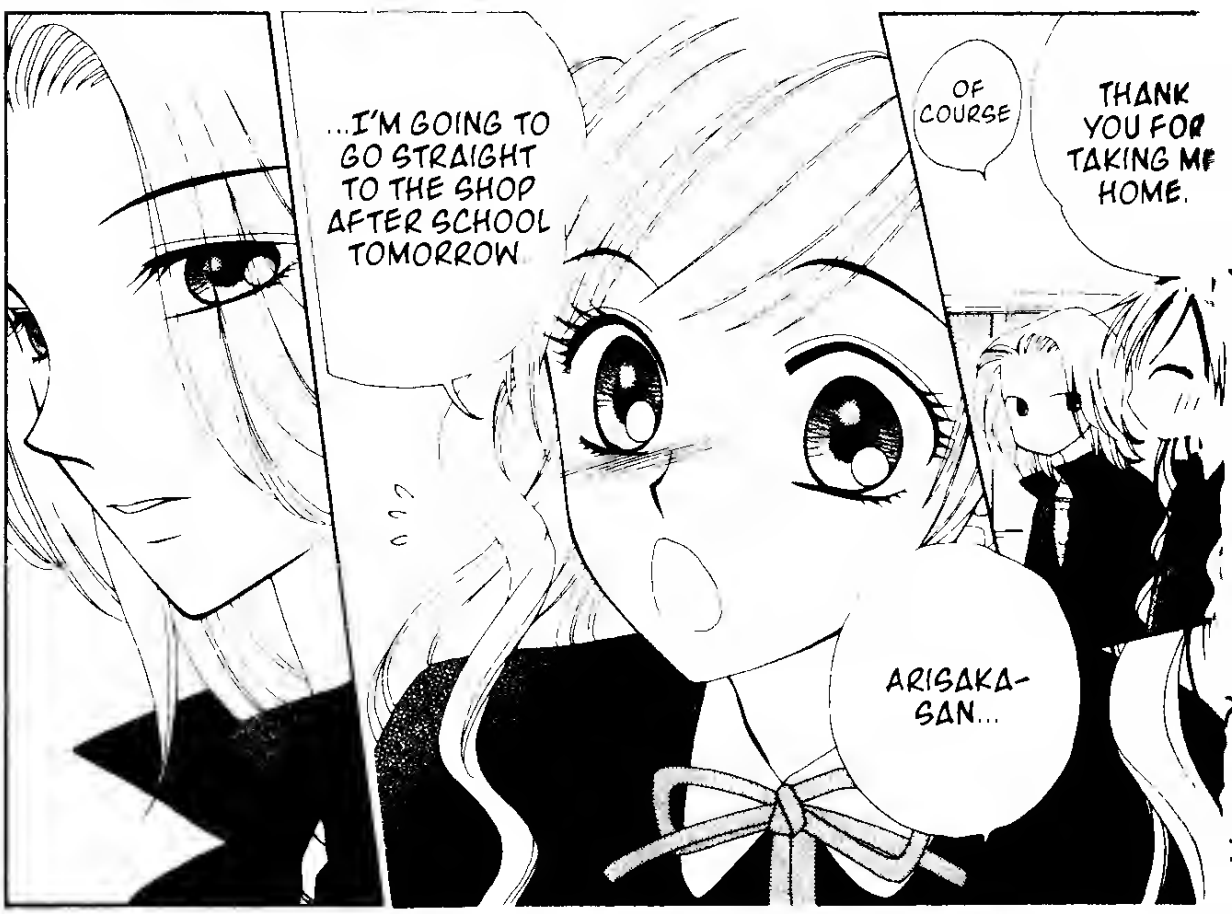
APPEAR


Ain't love grand?
Heh heh...
THEY SUIT EACH OTHER.




...I'M GOING TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE SHOP AFTER SCHOOL TOMORROW
OF COURSE
THANK YOU FOR TAKING ME HOME.
ARISAKA-SAN...

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AGENDA.
HM?

JUST RE-
CHARGING
MY BATTERY.
...

AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE IN ME...
...AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE TO CHEER ME ON...
...AS LONG AS YOU'RE BY MY SIDE...
...I CAN MOVE MOUN-TAINS.
I BELIEVE IN YOU, ARISAKA...
JUST LIKE... I BELIEVE IN US.

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WHOOOHOOO. I FINALLY CAUGHT UP READING THIS SERIES. ACTUALLY, I USUALLY DON'T READ THIS SERIES AS I SCAN IT BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO GO HIGH SPEED, SO I DON'T STOP TO ENJOY. I SIT DOWN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE AND ACTUALLY READ WHAT I'VE SCANNED/EDITED HAHA. INTERESTING. BUT I ALSO READ AHEAD TO VOL. 11, AND I'M EXCITED TO RELEASE MORE OF THE SERIES :D

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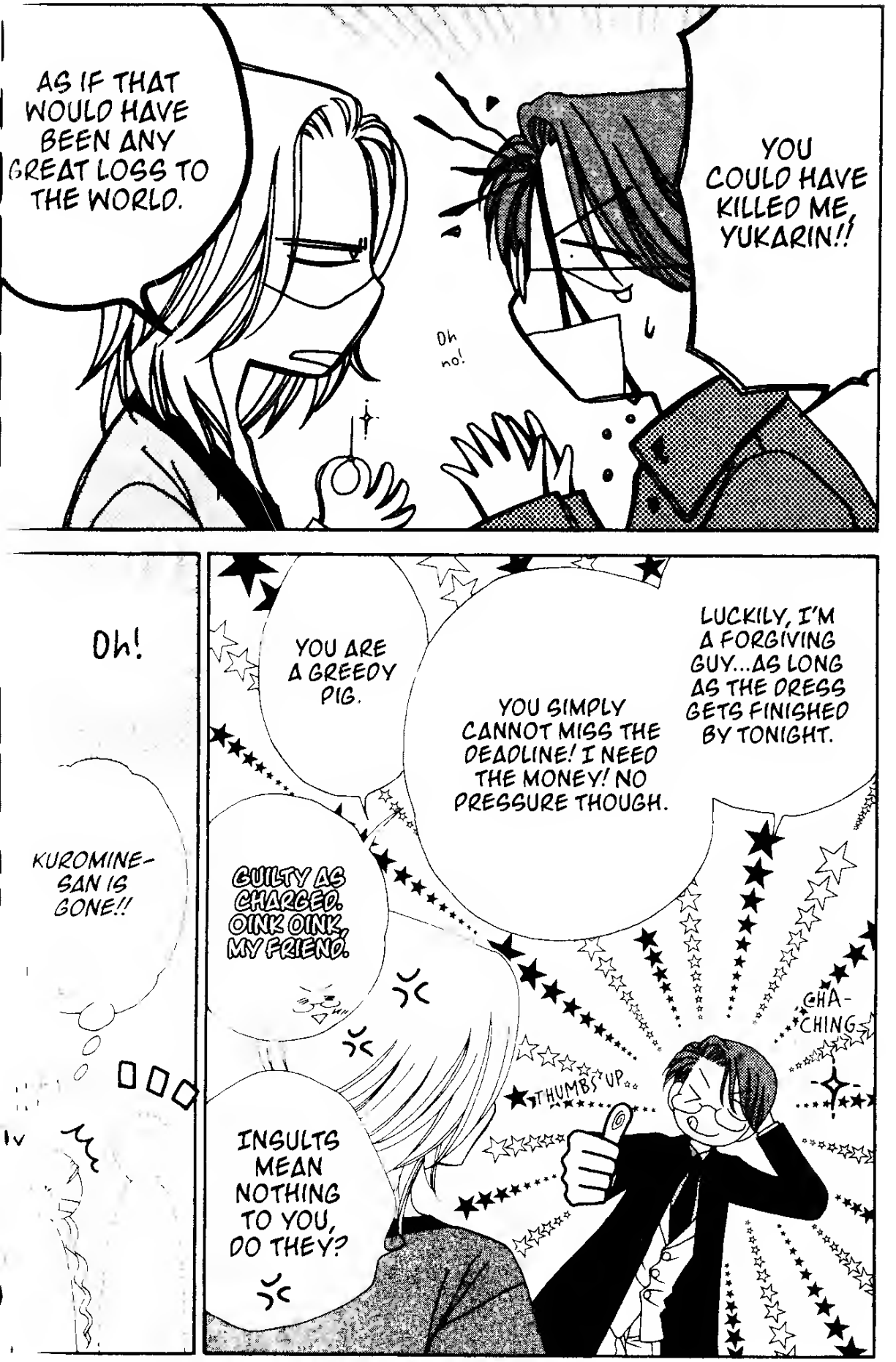
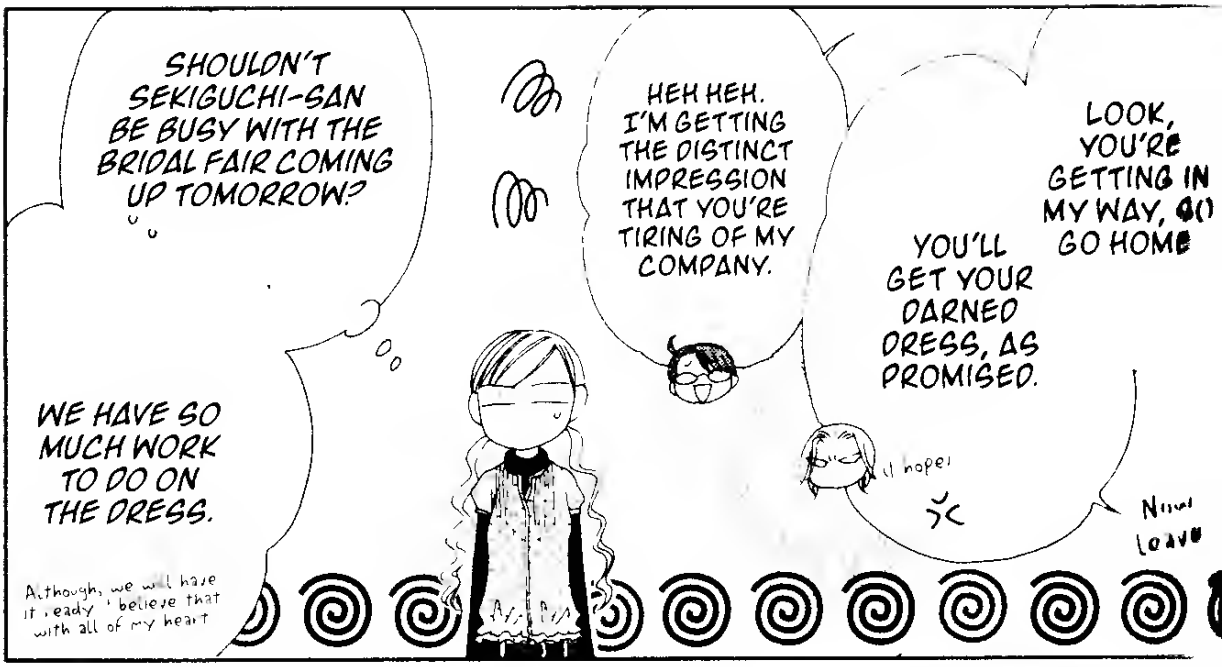
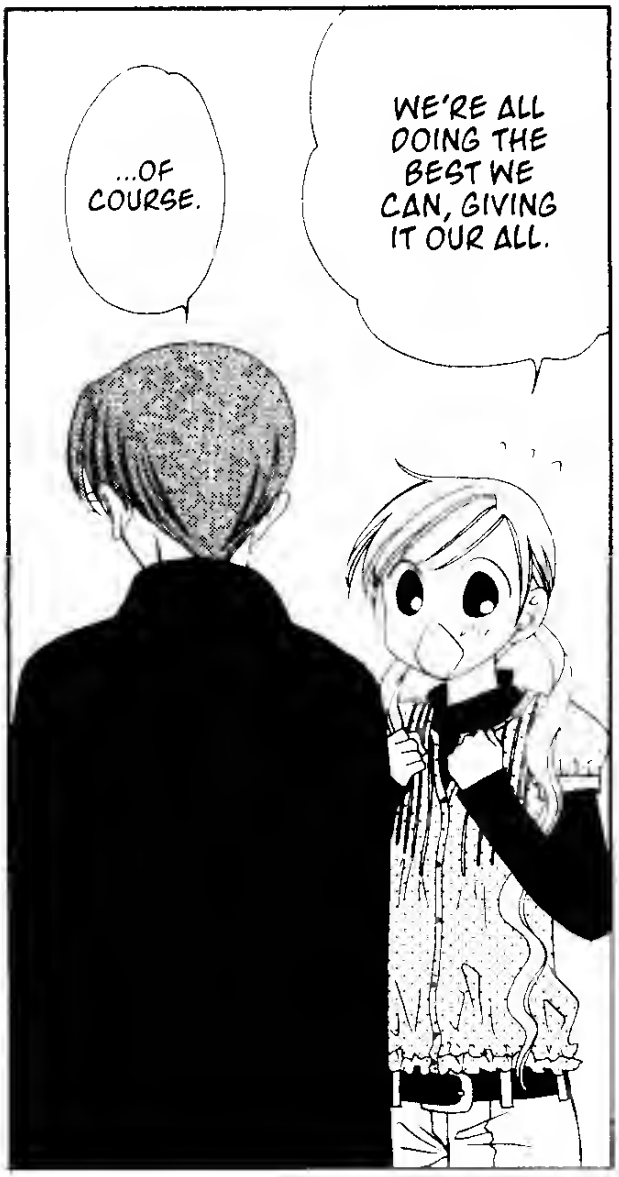
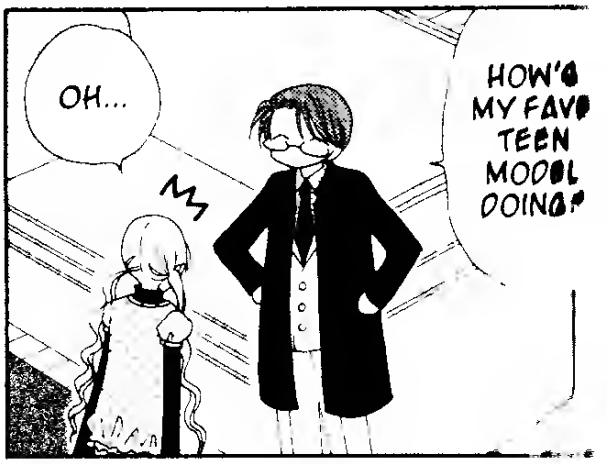
I WATCHED HIM WORK... I WATCHED HIS DETERMI-NATION...
...I WATCHED THE IMPOSSI-BLE BEING DONE RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES...
...AND THE RE-MADE DRESS SLOWLY CAME TOGETHER.

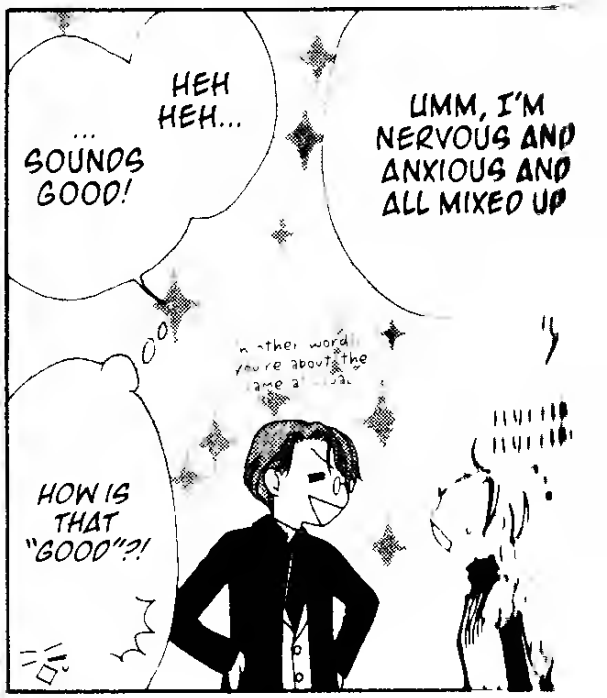
— THE DAY BEFORE THE BRIDAL FAIR
V·B
HEY, BLOCK-HEADS!
Hah hah!
HOW'S IT COMING ALONG?
ガラ
GRAH!
ぴゅー…
Hmph.
there a doctor in the house?


AS IF THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ANY GREAT LOSS TO THE WORLD.
YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME, YUKARIN!!
Oh no!
Oh!
KUROMINE-SAN IS GONE!!
YOU ARE A GREEDY PIG.
YOU SIMPLY CANNOT MISS THE DEADLINE! I NEED THE MONEY! NO PRESSURE THOUGH.
LUCKILY, I'M A FORGIVING GUY...AS LONG AS THE DRESS GETS FINISHED BY TONIGHT.
GUILTY AS CHARGED. OINK OINK, MY FRIEND.
CHA-CHING
THUMBS UP
INSULTS MEAN NOTHING TO YOU, DO THEY?


SHOULDN'T SEKIGUCHI-SAN BE BUSY WITH THE BRIDAL FAIR COMING UP TOMORROW?
WE HAVE SO MUCH WORK TO DO ON THE DRESS.
Although, we will have it ready. I believe that with all of my heart
HEH HEH. I'M GETTING THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT YOU'RE TIRING OF MY COMPANY.
LOOK, YOU'RE GETTING IN MY WAY, GO HOME
YOU'LL GET YOUR DARNED DRESS, AS PROMISED.
I hope!
Now! Leave


...OF COURSE.
WE'RE ALL DOING THE BEST WE CAN, GIVING IT OUR ALL.


OH...
HOW'S MY FAVE TEEN MODEL DOING?


... SOUNDS GOOD!
HEH HEH...
UMM, I'M NERVOUS AND ANXIOUS AND ALL MIXED UP
In other words, you're about the same as usual.
HOW IS THAT "GOOD"?!

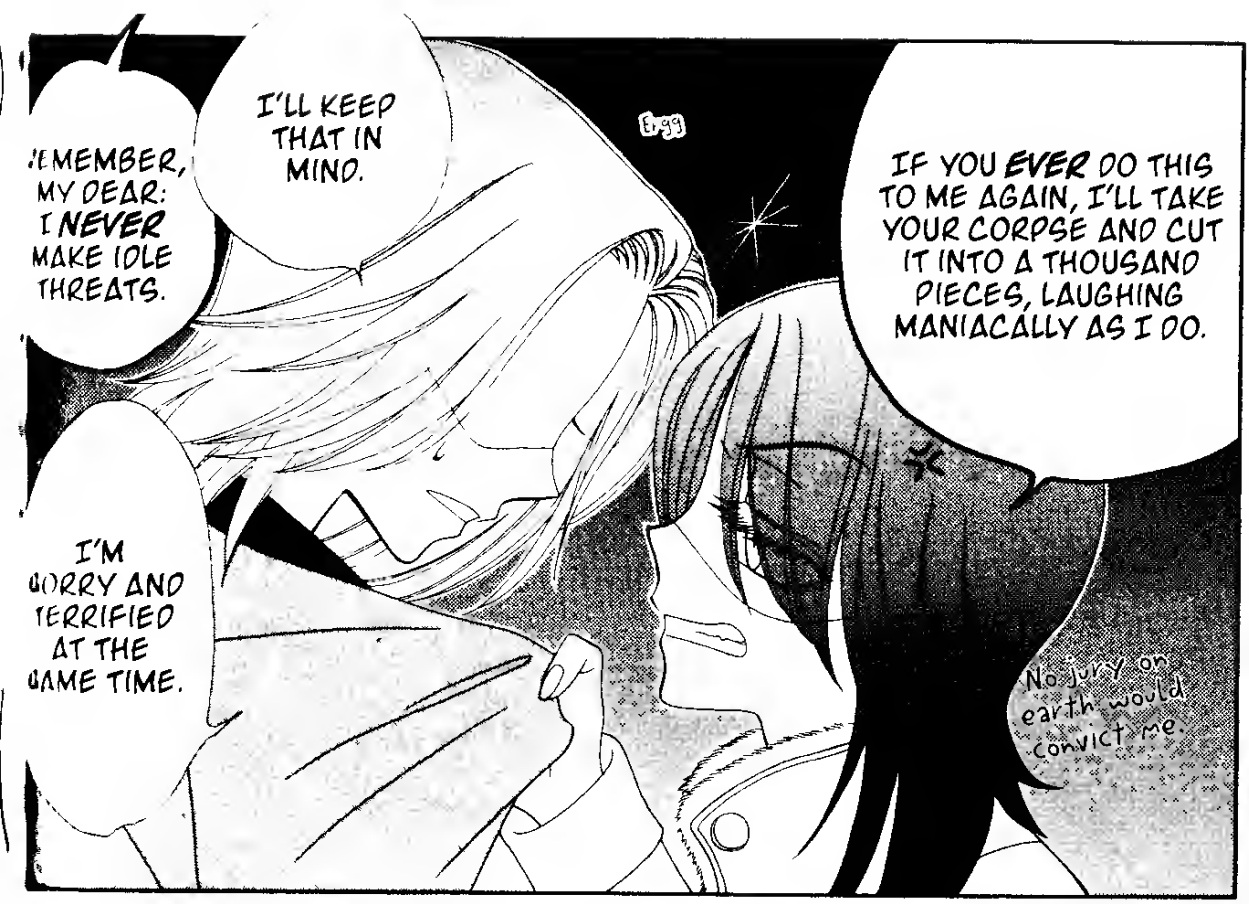
...?
...
Feh!
Jeez
THAT WAS DISTINCTLY UNHELPFUL OF HIM.
MUTTER MUTTER
REMEMBER, FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION. YOUR CAREERS HANG ON THIS!
GOD FORBID THAT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH SWEET LILY BE SEVERED! AND ALL YOUR FAULT.
GO BACK TO WORK.
Or better yet, go to hell!
HE CAN TAKE HIS ENCOURAGE-MENT AND STICK IT UP HIS...!
SKRREEE!
I THINK HE THOUGHT HE WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE US

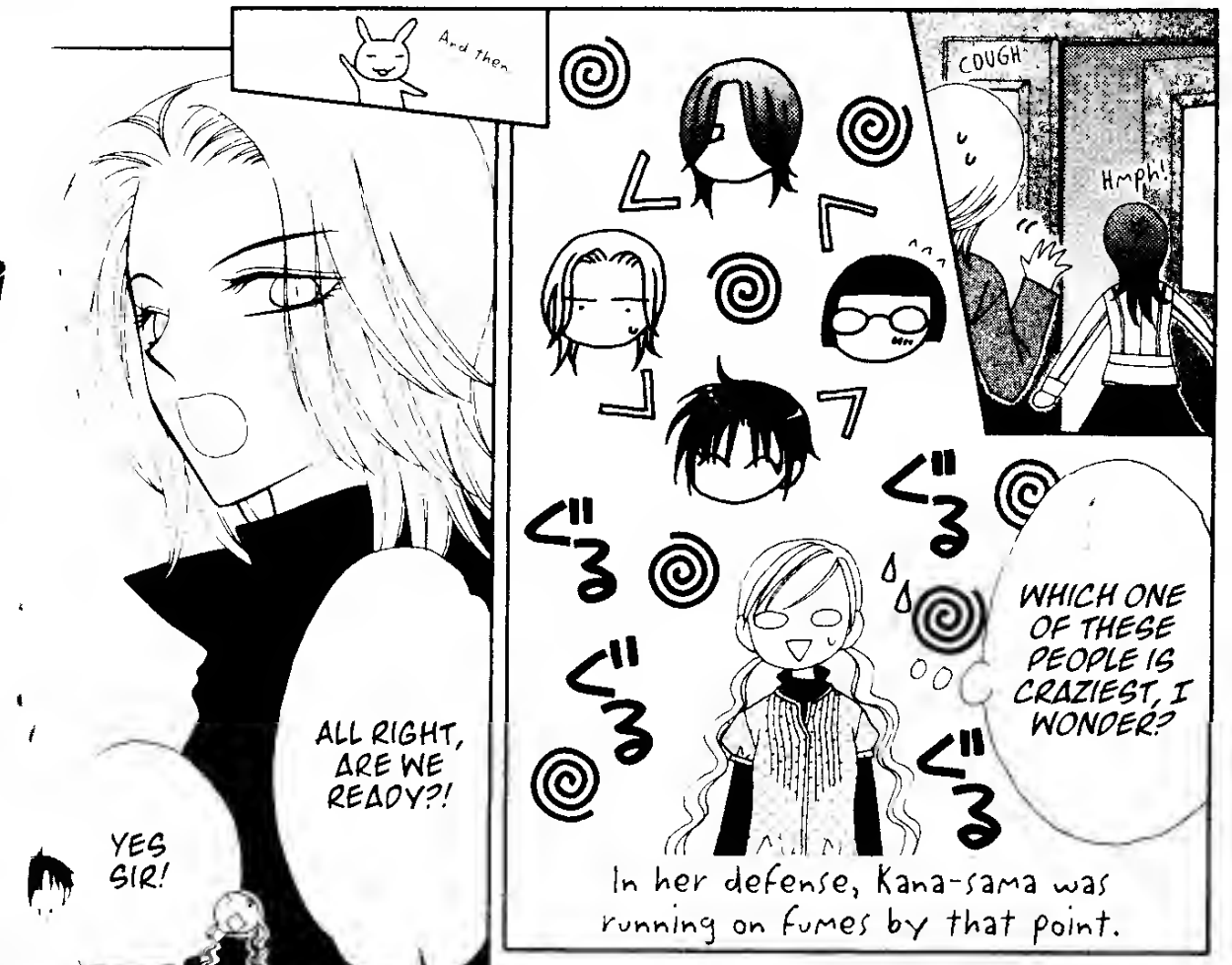
カリーン
ARISAKA-KUN..
CAN YOU DO A FINAL CHECK FOR ME?
I'M DONE.
IT'S GREAT! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT.
ガっ
YE...YES SIR!!
AGEHA, GO TRY IT ON.
I'LL GO CALL RIRIKO RIGHT NOW.
THUD
ゴロタッ
"Thud?"

WHAT?!
OHHH, IGNORE HER.
ZZZZZZ
TSU...
...TSUYU-SAN?!
SHE PROBABLY EXHAUSTED HERSELF TRYING TO FINISH THE JOB ON TIME
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM ABOUT IT?!
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER HERE...

YUKARI-KUN...
...I'LL PUT HER IN MY BED. JUST TO SLEEP, MIND YOU.
ALL RIGHT, BUT TOUCH HER AND YOU'RE A DEAD MAN.
TAT
TAT

IF ONLY SHE WASN'T SO SHY AND HE DIDN'T TEASE HER SO MUCH!!
Romance could finally bloom.
THUMP
THUMP
Hey R-ko? Can I come over?
TSUYU-SAN!
IF ONLY YOU WERE CONSCIOUS RIGHT NOW TO SEE HOW SWEET HE'S BEING!
SORRY FOR THROWING LAST MINUTE WORK AT YOU ALL OF THE TIME.
YEAH, ALL WE HAVE LEFT IS--
YUKARI, IT'S DONE
Ack!
OH KANA, GREAT TIMING!!
Great!


IF YOU EVER DO THIS TO ME AGAIN, I'LL TAKE YOUR CORPSE AND CUT IT INTO A THOUSAND PIECES, LAUGHING MANIACALLY AS I DO.
No jury on earth would convict me.
I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.
REMEMBER, MY DEAR: I NEVER MAKE IDLE THREATS.
I'M WORRY AND TERRIFIED AT THE SAME TIME.



In her defense, Kana-sama was running on fumes by that point.

ACCES-
SORIES,
CHECK.
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DRESS,
CHECK.
TRIAL
FITTING,
CHECK.
It fits perfectly!
LET'S
GO!
JUST IN
TIME.
DROP OFF
COMPLETE!

SEE YOU TOMORROW.
Buh-bye!
KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET ME DOWN. GREAT JOB, GUYS.
SIGH
AGEHA, WE'RE GOING TO COME PICK YOU UP EARLY TOMORROW MORNING, SO GO TO BED EARLY.
OKAY.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING ME HOME. BYE GUYS!
SWEET DREAMS, PRINCESS
IF WE MAKE IT THROUGH TOMORROW, THAT IS.
WE DID IT!
Scary thought
YEAH, WE CAN'T RELAX JUST YET.

On December 24th, 2006 I hung out with my good friend and comic artist, Ryoko Sugihara♪ Shopping with a female friend is so much fun! ♪

Wow, it's so popular!

Wow, celebration for Jill Stuart limited edition makeup we are already fixed up!!

Ryo-chan's mascara was so pretty that I asked her what brand it was and I bought a Christmas limited edition version of it. Thank you, Ryo-chan ♥

It's so pretty, it's not clumpy at all!! It's waterproof? I love it!!

It's Clinique! waterproof mascara. Do you want to go look for it later?

Yeah!

Sadly, the clothes that I had my eyes on, especially the skirts and dresses, were already gone!!

No way!
They probably sold out because of Christmas and a...
Incredible
Dang it, this is the wrong size!
The after Christmas happening seemed happy in spite of the crowd

THINGS GOT SO BUSY, I COULDN'T GET VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATES FOR ARISAKA-SAN...
どたどた
No need a sewing machine START!
Do you need help?
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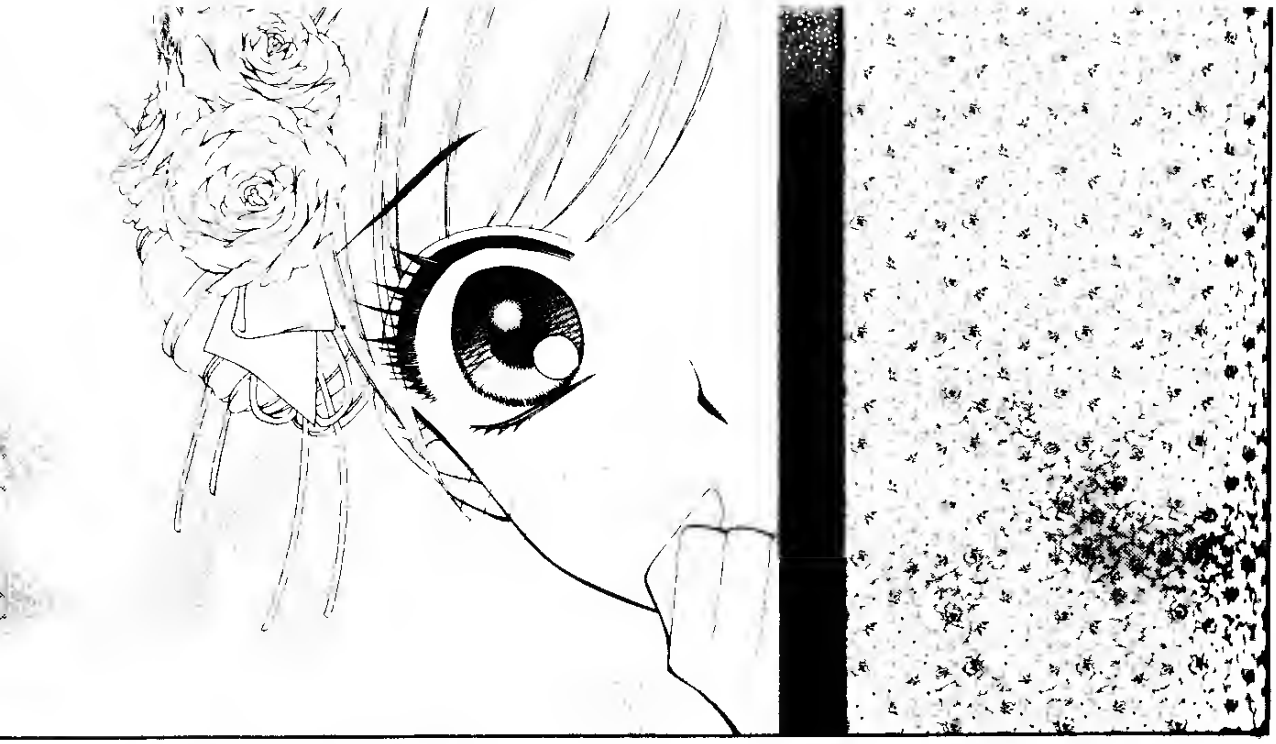
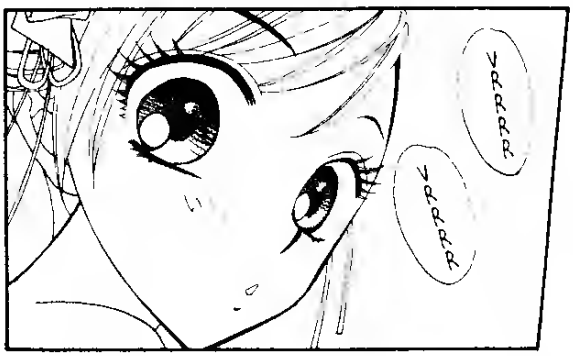
...
VALENTINE'S DAY PASSED IN A FLASH.
He...knocked me over.
I'M PATHETIC.
I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE MADE UP MY MIND...
...THAT DAY WHEN I WENT SHOPPING WITH MAMORU-CHAN.
BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SATISFIED...
..JUST SAYING, "HERE ARE SOME STORE-BOUGHT CHOCOLATES." ♡

...WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW FOR ME...
BUT...
THE DAY OF THE VILLA ANGE BRIDAL FAIR...
...IS TO DO MY BEST TOMORROW!!

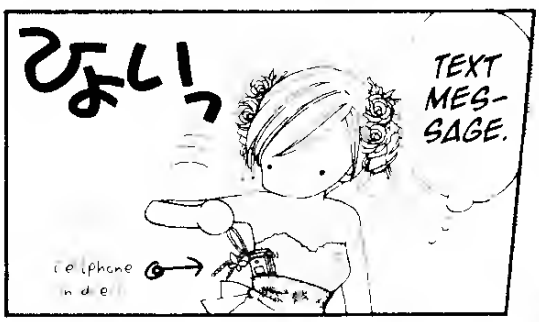
ONE HOUR BEFORE THE DRESS SHOW.

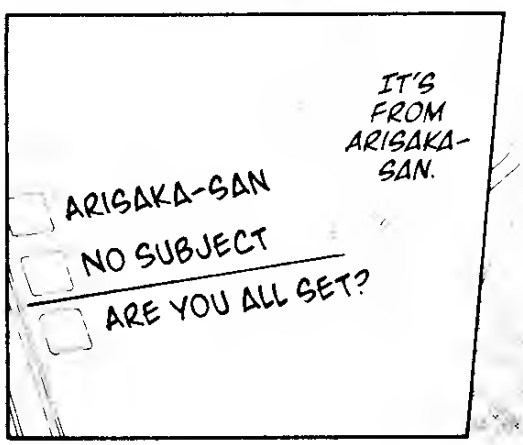


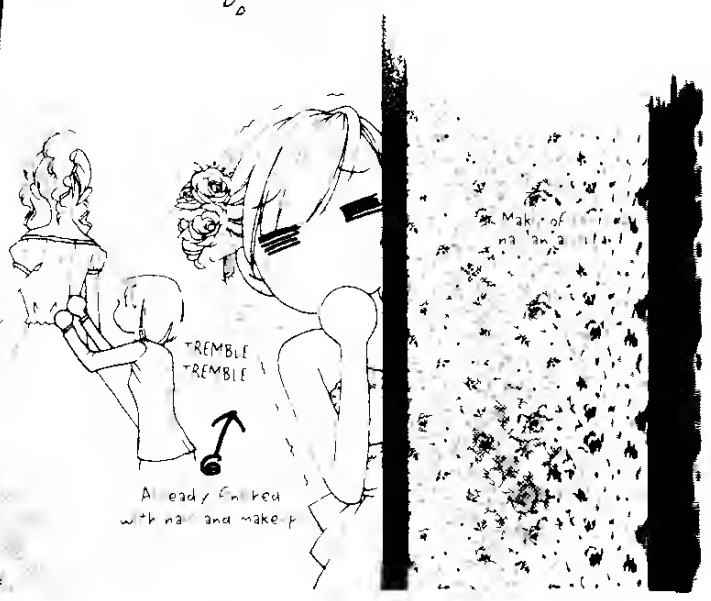


MY...MY HEART IS THROBBING!

MAKI-SAN IS AMAZING!!







OH...
ARISAKA-SAN...
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KUROMINE-SAN.
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RIGHT, YUKARI-KUN?
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THE REMAKE CAME OUT GREAT.
Hiding the tears!
before
after
YOU... YOU THINK SO?
Heh? Heh! Thank you!
WOW AGEHA-CHAN, YOU LOOK INCREDIBLE!!
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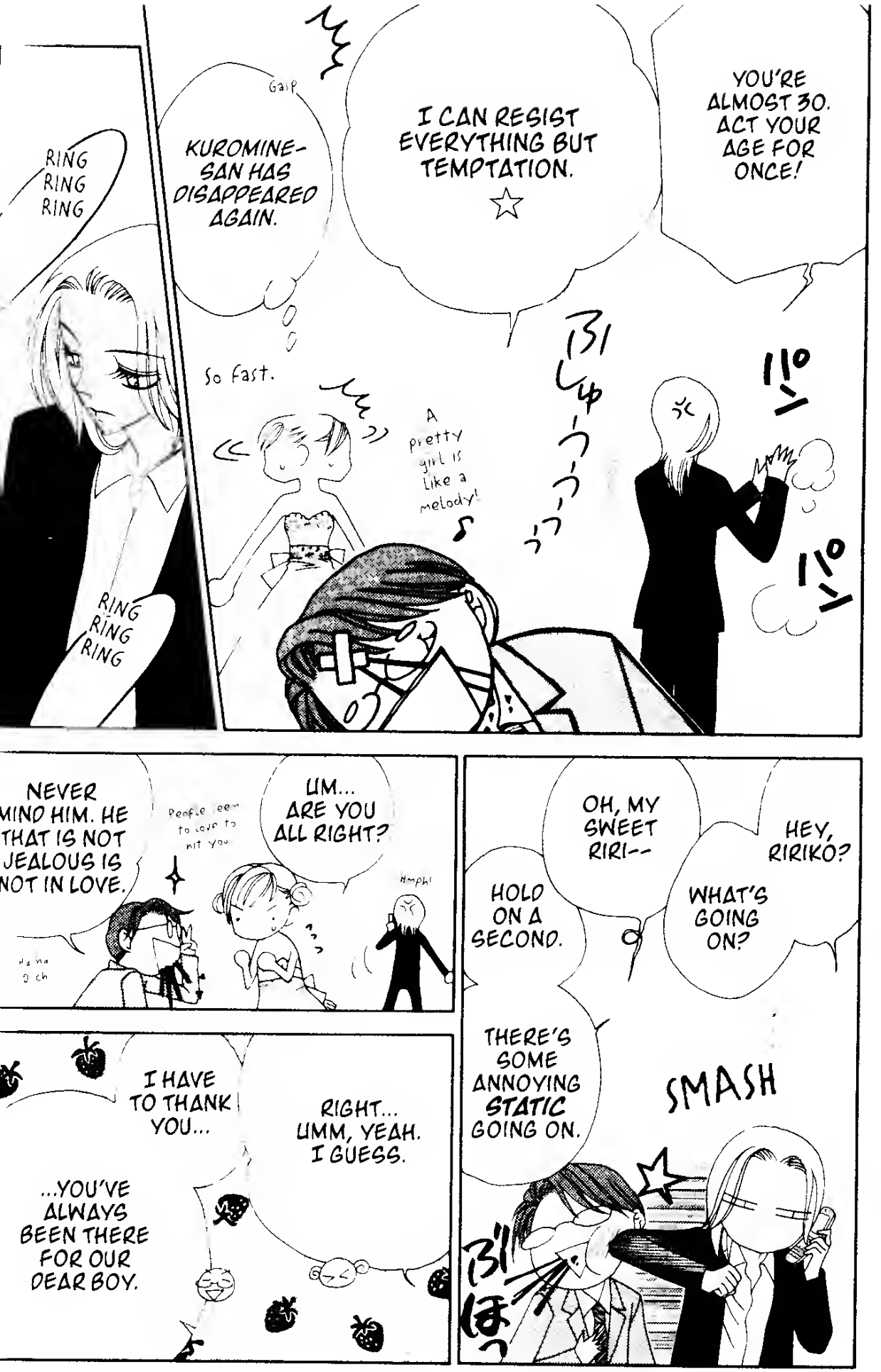
DO...
...DO I... DISPLEASE HIM?
DO
UMM
UMM

AGEHA! SHALL I COMPARE THEE TO A SUMMER'S DAY...?!
Ha hah!♪
IS THIS A VISION I SEE BEFORE ME?
I HAVE NO TIME FOR IDIOTS.
CHOKE
BFT!

Oooh, a million dollar smile!♪
♡.ゆきえさん
SEKI-GUCHI.
You're almost as gorgeous as my sweet Lily!


RING RING RING
Gasp
KUROMINE-SAN HAS DISAPPEARED AGAIN.
I CAN RESIST EVERYTHING BUT TEMPTATION.
YOU'RE ALMOST 30. ACT YOUR AGE FOR ONCE!
So fast.
A pretty girl is like a melody!
RING RING RING
NEVER MIND HIM. HE THAT IS NOT JEALOUS IS NOT IN LOVE.
People seem to love to hit you
UM... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Hmph!
OH, MY SWEET RIRI--
HEY, RIRIKO?
HOLD ON A SECOND.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE'S SOME ANNOYING STATIC GOING ON.
SMASH
I HAVE TO THANK YOU...
RIGHT... UMM, YEAH. I GUESS.
...YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR OUR DEAR BOY.

?
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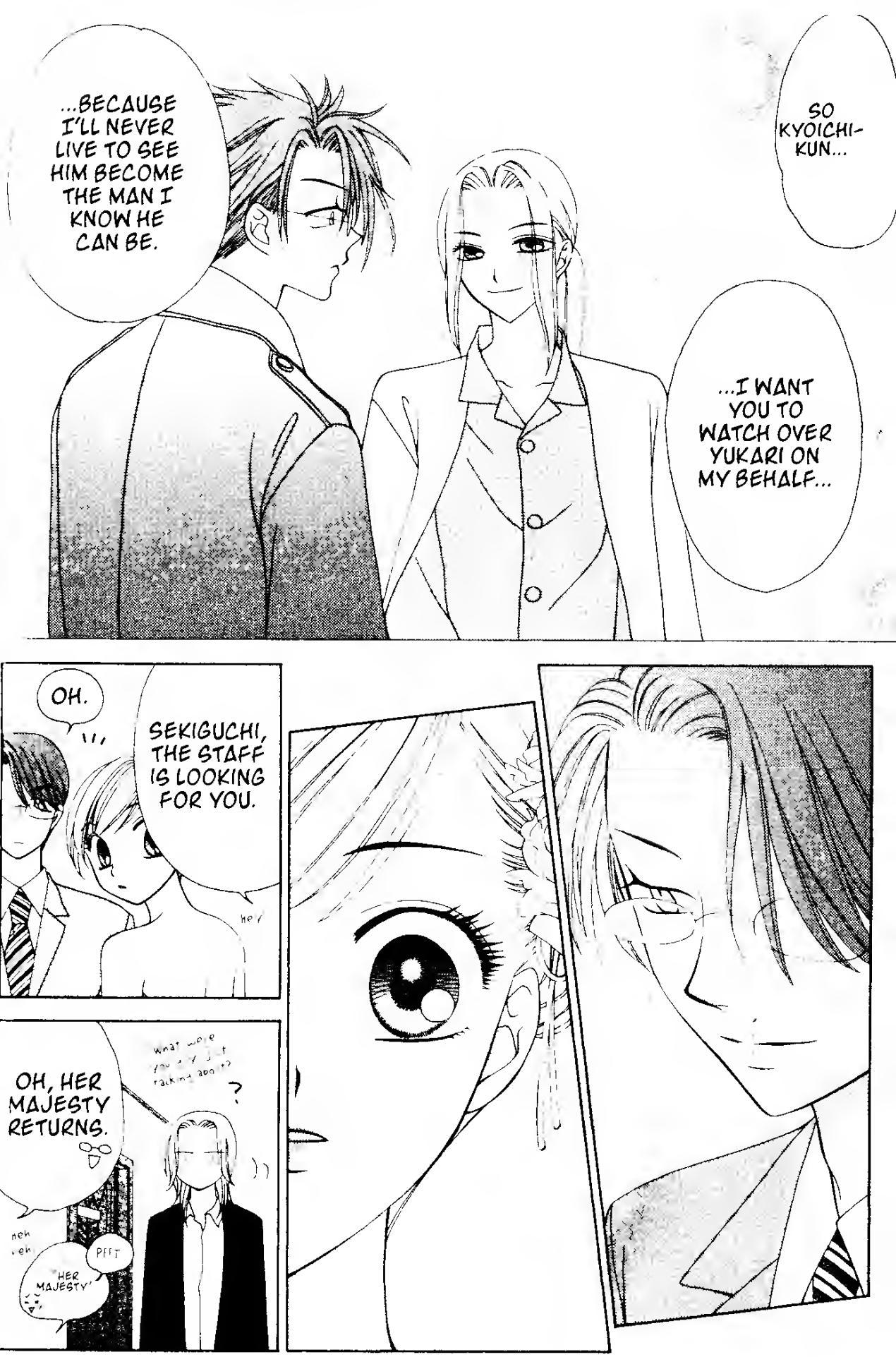
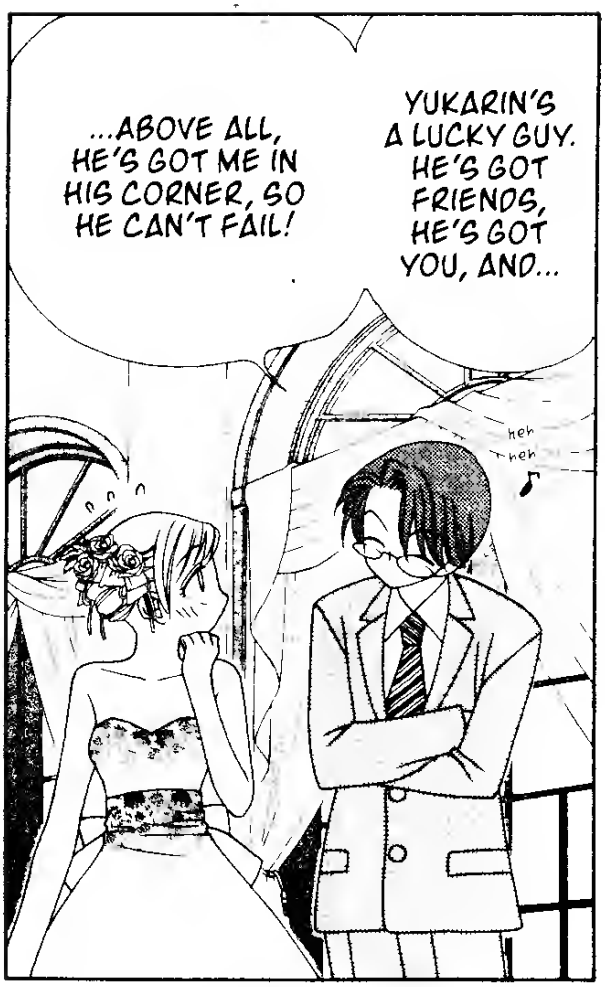
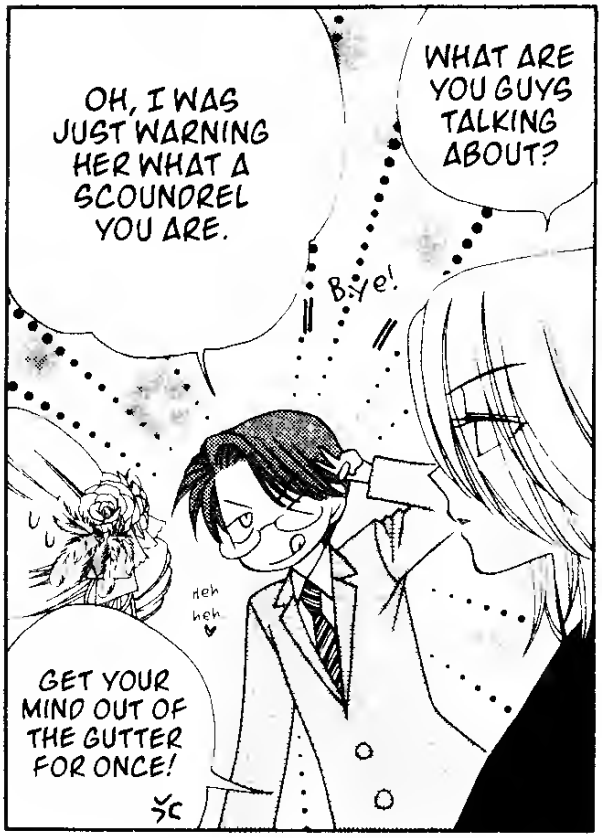
YOU ARE TRULY A GREAT HELPER
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT FOR THE BRIDAL FAIR?
NOT JUST THAT. ACTUALLY...
THREE YEARS AGO
521
Aoi Arisaka
What?!
"TAKE CARE OF YUKARI"?!
IF HE HEARD THAT, HE'D THROW A FIT. IT SOUNDS TOO...FINAL.
AOI-SAN...
...ASKED ME...
Hmmm...
ACTUALLY, KYOICHI-KUN...
...I'D PREFER IF YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM.
HUH?

AOI ARISAKA, 42-YEARS OLD
YUKARI IS ALWAYS GIVING TO OTHERS BUT...
..HE'S ALWAYS HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY RECEIVING THE BASIC THINGS THAT WE ALL DESERVE.
OH... YOU MEAN LIKE LOVE, FRIENDSHIP, HELP...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, AOI-SAN?
RIGHT. HE'S A WORKAHOLIC AND DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.
I DON'T WANT HIM TO DIE WITHOUT EVER KNOWING WHAT IT MEANS TO REALLY LIVE.
SADLY, THAT ISN'T SOMETHING THAT YOU OR I OR ANYONE ELSE CAN TELL HIM.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T FORGET HIS OWN HAPPINESS WHILE HE'S BUSY MAKING OTHER PEOPLE HAPPY.
IT'S SOMETHING HE HAS TO REALIZE ON HIS OWN.

ALL HE HAS TO DO IS REACH OUT.
I'M SORRY... SO SORRY THAT...I WASN'T THERE ENOUGH OF THE TIME FOR HIM.
...AND HE'D SEE HOW MANY FRIENDS HE'S BEEN BLESSED WITH.

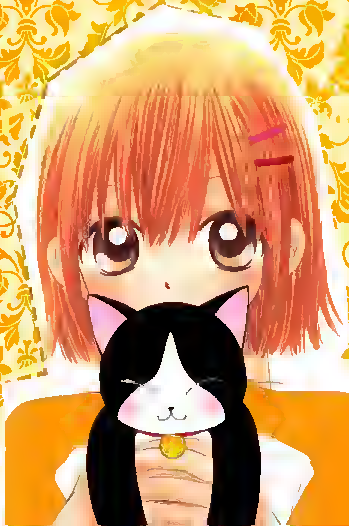

...BECAUSE I'LL NEVER LIVE TO SEE HIM BECOME THE MAN I KNOW HE CAN BE.
SO KYOICHI-KUN...
...I WANT YOU TO WATCH OVER YUKARI ON MY BEHALF...
OH.
SEKIGUCHI, THE STAFF IS LOOKING FOR YOU.
OH, HER MAJESTY RETURNS.
PFFT
"HER MAJESTY"


YUKARIN'S A LUCKY GUY. HE'S GOT FRIENDS, HE'S GOT YOU, AND...
...ABOVE ALL, HE'S GOT ME IN HIS CORNER, SO HE CAN'T FAIL!
heh heh


WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
OH, I WAS JUST WARNING HER WHAT A SCOUNDREL YOU ARE.
B-ye!
heh heh
GET YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER FOR ONCE!

YOUR SON'S ABOUT TO SHINE, AOI-SAN. I CAN'T DO MUCH MORE FOR HIM THAN TO HELP HIM WITH HIS AMBITIONS.
IT'LL TAKE A GIRL LIKE AGEHA TO DO THE REST. IF HE'S BRAVE ENOUGH TO REACH OUT TO HER, THAT IS.
I THINK YOU'D LIKE HER, AOI-SAN. SHE LIKES WHAT *HE* LIKES. WHAT *YOU* LIKED. AND SHE BELIEVES IN HIM.

...AOI-SAN...
... I THINK...
...YOUR SON'S GOING TO BE JUST FINE.
"ALL HE HAS TO DO IS REACH OUT..."
I will never understand that guy.
"...AND HE'D SEE HOW MANY FRIENDS HE'S BEEN BLESSED WITH."
I'M CHARGING YOUR BATTERY WITH ALL OF MY FAITH!
IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.
SQUEEZE
"IT'S SOMETHING HE HAS TO REALIZE ON HIS OWN."
"AS LONG AS YOU'RE BY MY SIDE... I CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS."



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SO, AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, THERE WAS A MIX-UP ON MANGAFOX ABOUT THE CHAPTERS 46 AND 47. CHAPTER 46 WAS NEVER MISSING- IT WAS SIMPLY UPLOADED AS CHAPTER 47. I WAS A BIT CONFUSED WHEN I RECEIVED SO MANY MESSAGES REGARDING THIS ISSUE. BUT IT HAS BEEN FIXED ON MF. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, ALL THE CHAPTERS WILL BE POSTED ON MY BLOG, SO IF THERE IS ANY CONFUSION, CHECK OUT MY BLOG ARCHIVE

ANYWAY, ENJOY THE CHAPTER! I'VE READ AHEAD, AND THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS TO COME ♪ HAPPY READING!

READ THE CHAPTERS AS SOON AS I RELEASE THEM ON MY BLOG!

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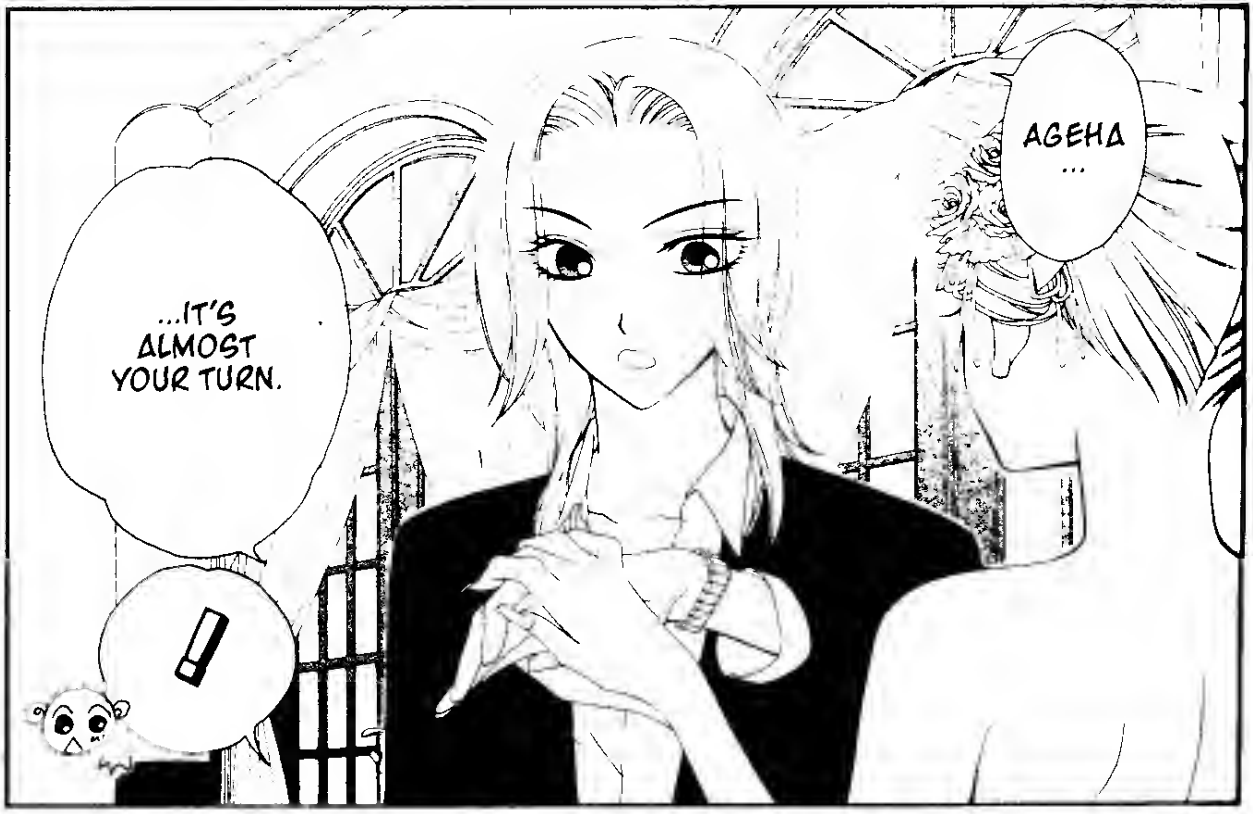
Episode 51

CINDERELLA'S
GLASS SLIPPER...

AND THE PERSON WHO HELPS
YOU REALIZE YOUR DREAM.


AGEHA...
...IT'S ALMOST YOUR TURN.
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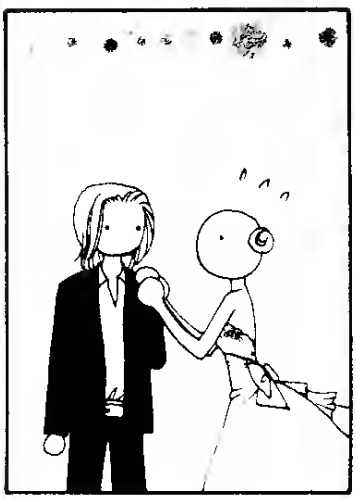
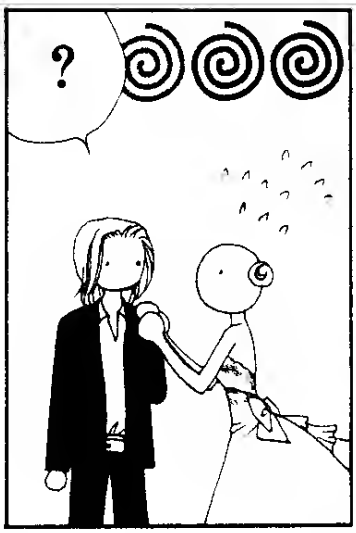
AGEHA?



OH MY GOSH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING!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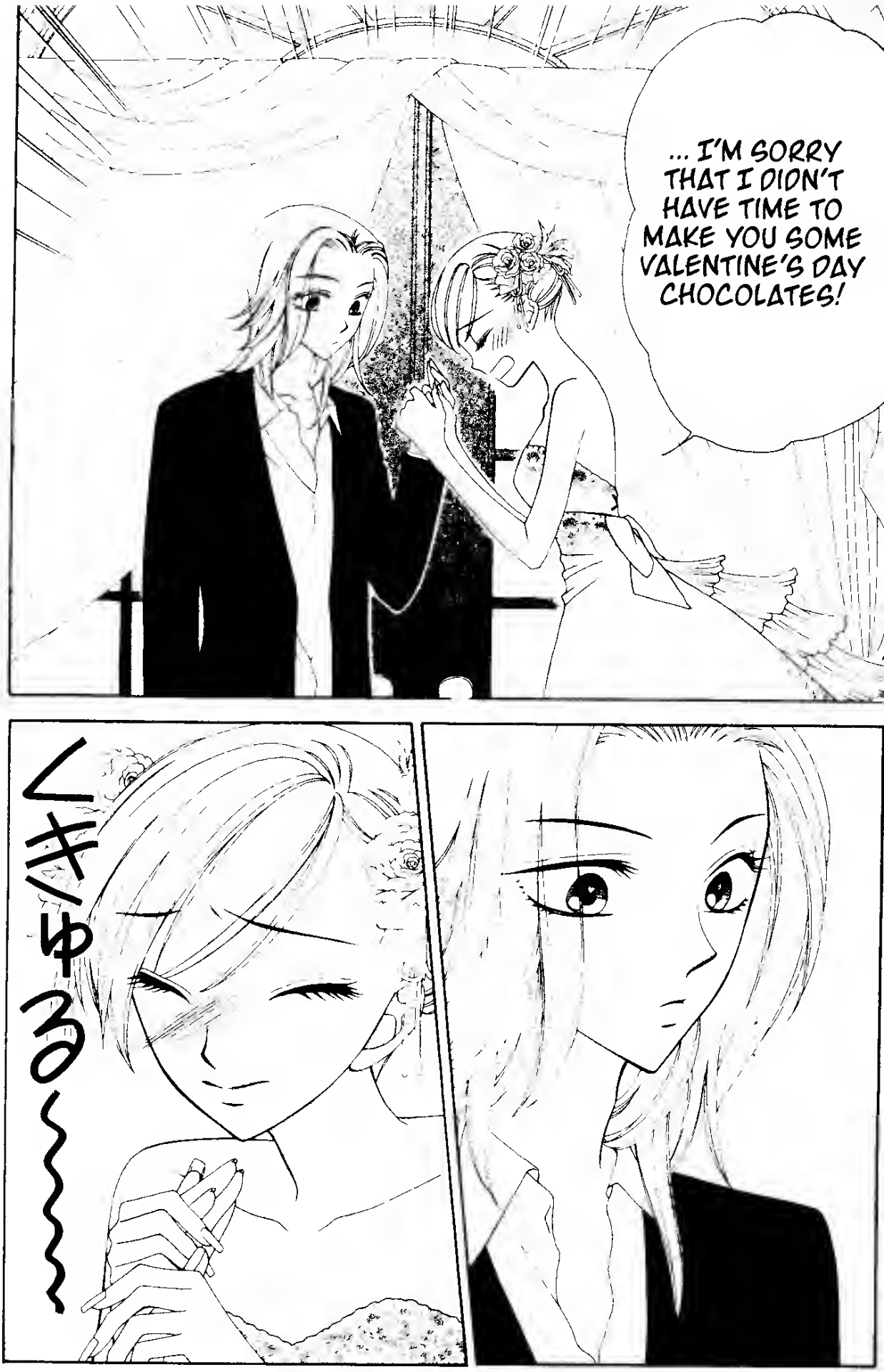
UH... UM...
... ARISAKA-SAN, I'M SO SORRY!


... I'M SORRY THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE YOU SOME VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATES!
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SORRY
SORRY
SORRY
SORRY
SORRY
SORRY
Y'KNOW, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT.
IT'S A TIME-HONORED TRADITION THAT THE GIRL GIVES HER SWEETIE CHOCOLATES ON VALENTINE'S DAY!
I MESSED IT UP! I PUT A BLOT ON OUR BRAND-NEW RELATIONSHIP.
SOB
SOB
...
SOOO...YOU WANT ME TO BE ANGRY?
YOU OUGHT TO CARE!
OR AT LEAST CONSIDER IT!

UH...
PUT YOUR HAND OUT.
JUST DO IT.
UH, OKAY.
HERE
WELL, LET'S MAKE OUR OWN TRADITION. GIVE ME SOMETHING ON WHITE DAY, INSTEAD.
HUH?

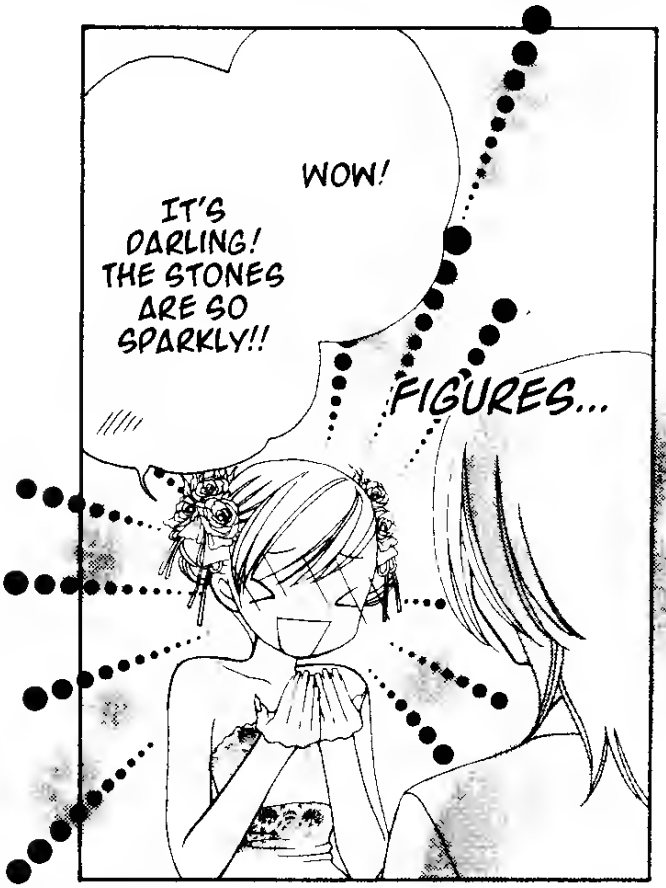
NOW?
OPEN IT.
THIS VERY IN-STANT?!
YES.
UH, OKAY.
Time's a wasting
IT'S SO TINY
Wow! ///
WHAT A CUTE BOX.

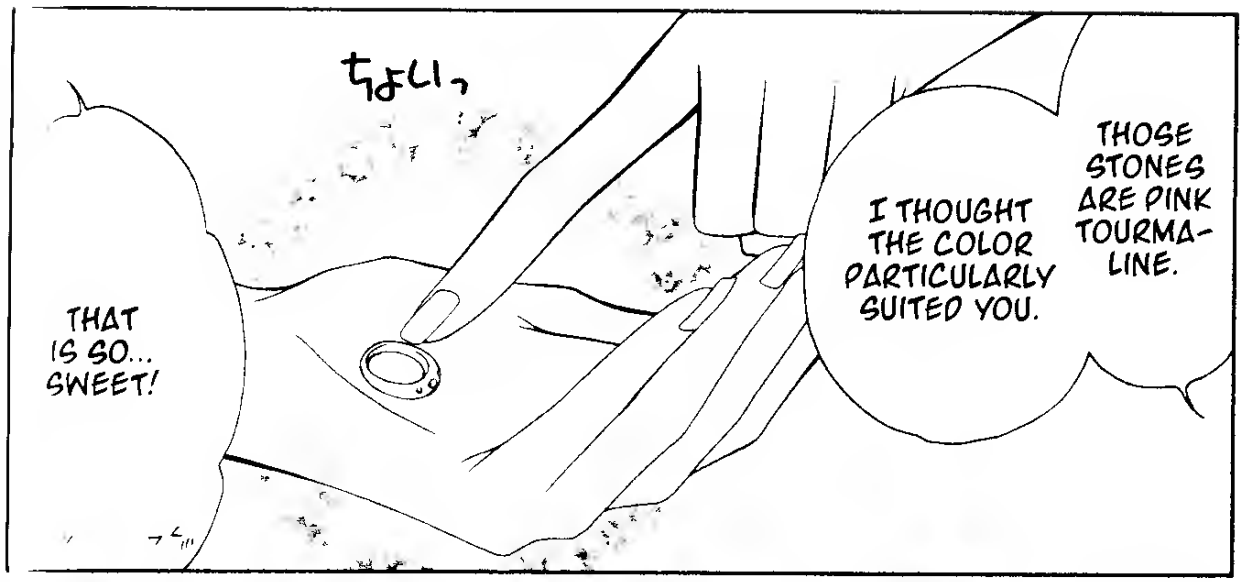
WHA...?

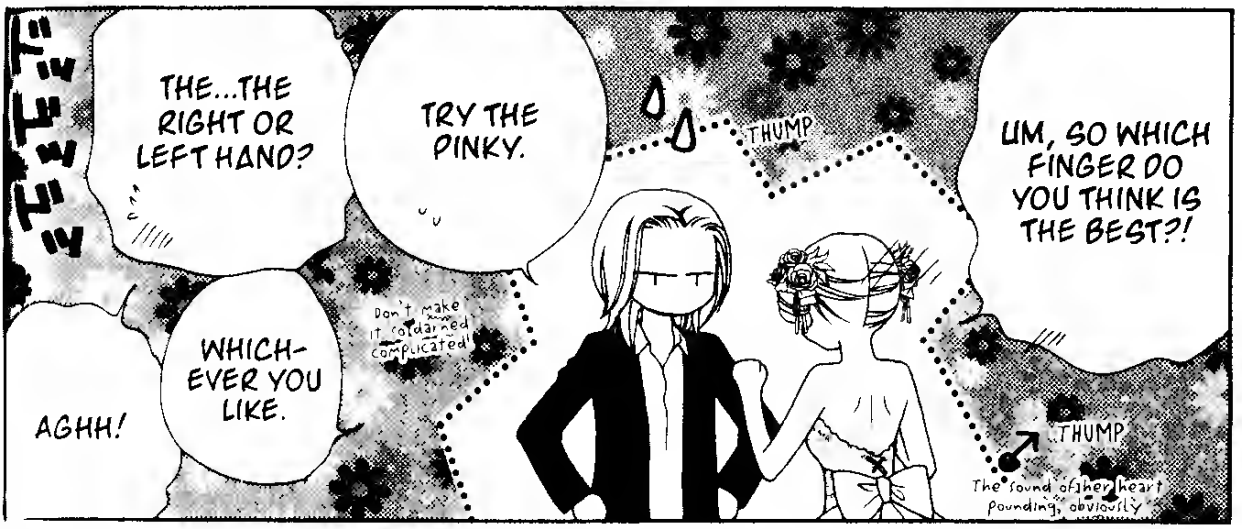
UH, YEAH...
YOU MADE THIS YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?
...HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I HEARD FROM KANA-SAN!!

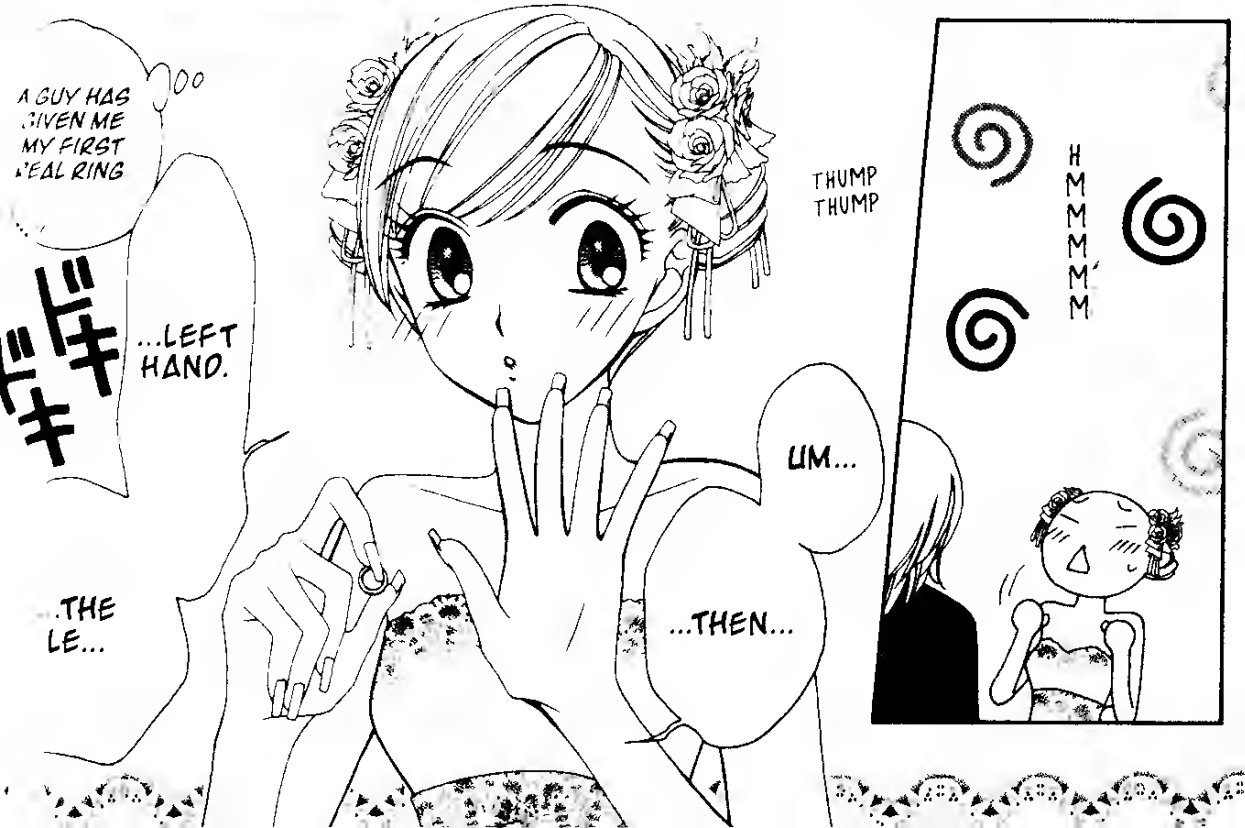
A...A RING?!

WAH... WOOOOW!


WOW!
IT'S DARLING! THE STONES ARE SO SPARKLY!!
FIGURES...


THAT IS SO... SWEET!
I THOUGHT THE COLOR PARTICULARLY SUITED YOU.
THOSE STONES ARE PINK TOURMALINE.

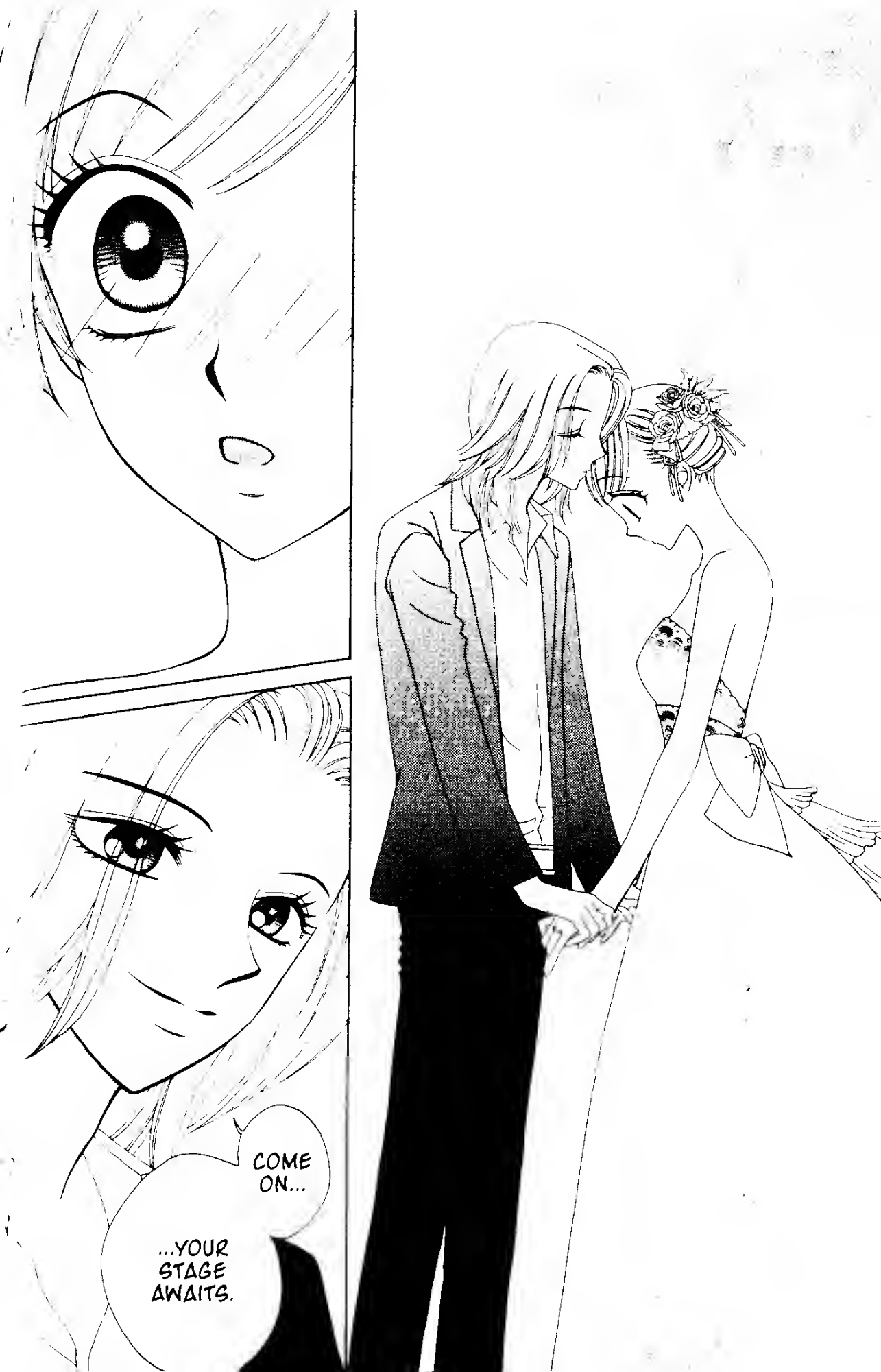

THE...THE RIGHT OR LEFT HAND?
TRY THE PINKY.
THUMP
UM, SO WHICH FINGER DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST?!
Don't make it sound more complicated!
WHICH-EVER YOU LIKE.
AGHH!
THUMP
The sound of her heart pounding, obviously.


A GUY HAS GIVEN ME MY FIRST REAL RING
...LEFT HAND.
...THE LE...
THUMP THUMP
UM...
...THEN...
HMMMMM

SLIP
ドキン
ドキン
すか
HUH?
Er?
NO! THIS GIFT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PERFECT!
Curses!
ガーン
IT'S TOO LOOSE?!
NEVER MIND, IT'S THE THOUGHT...
!!

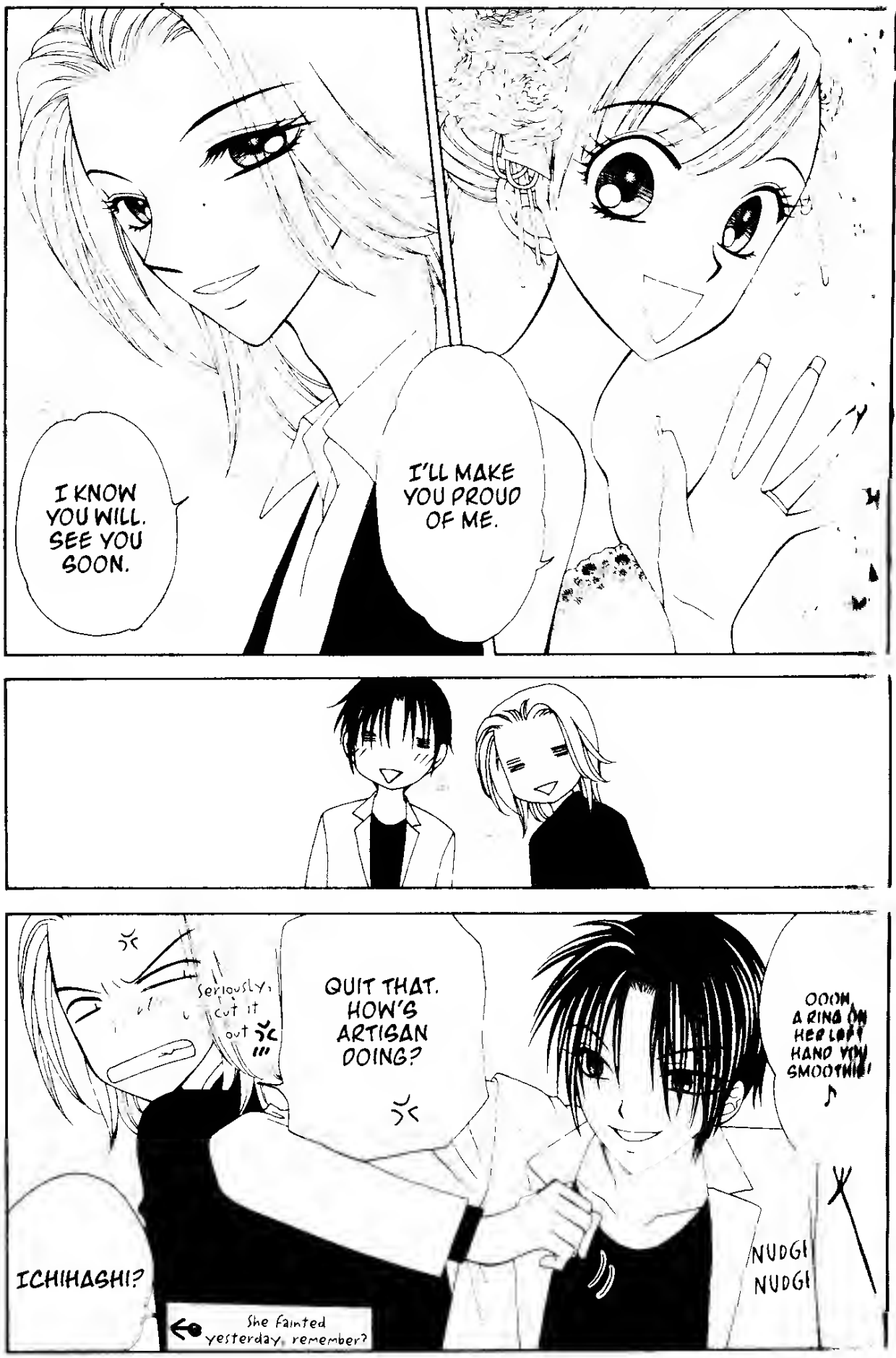
WAIT, I THINK I CAN FIX THIS. GIVE ME YOUR HAND.
UH, UM...

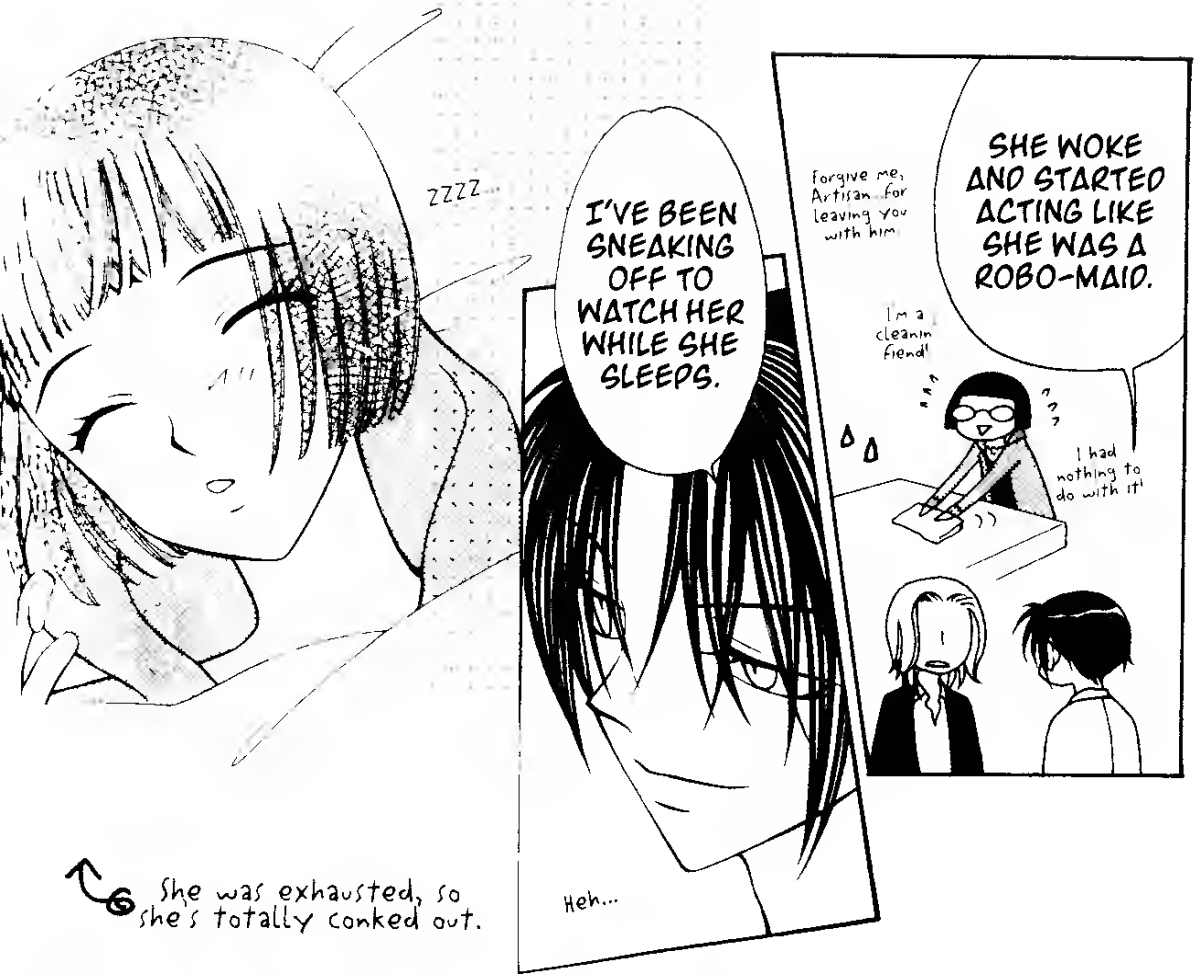
I GUESS ...
...THAT'S WHERE IT WAS MEANT TO BE ALL ALONG.
Satisfied!
THE RING FINGER ON THE LEFT HAND


COME ON...
...YOUR STAGE AWAITS.

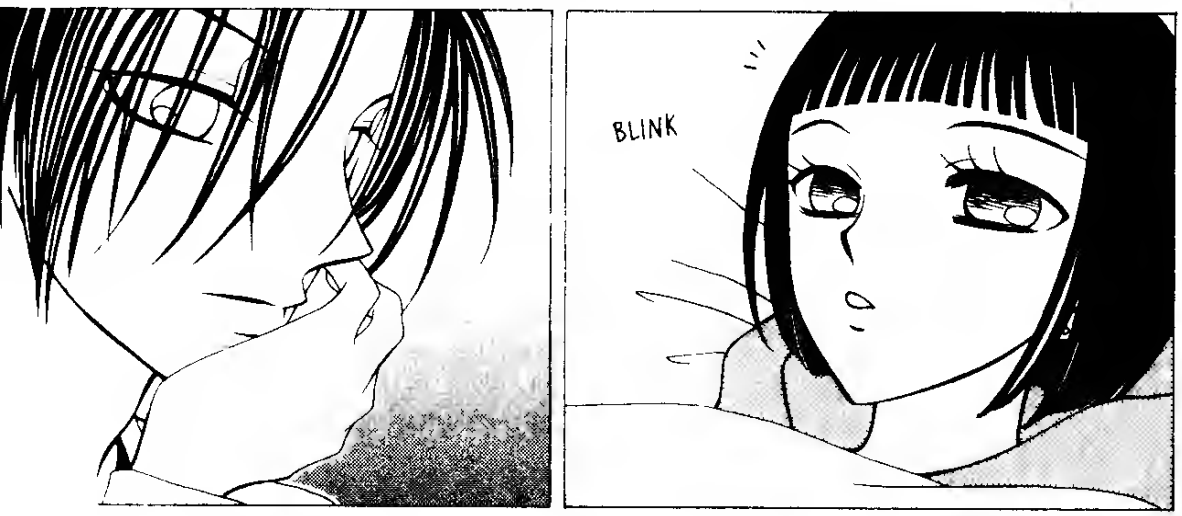
...BUT, TOGETHER, WE PULLED THROUGH.
LOOK, I KNOW WE'VE FACED A LOT OF CHALLENGES LATELY..
YEAH...
--OH!
STAND UP STRAIGHT.
MHMM.
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW...

...I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, TOO.
I'LL DO MY BEST.
YUKARI-KUN, IT'S ALMOST TIME.
I KNOW. I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
OH, OKAY.
MODELS, PLEASE GATHER AROUND.


I KNOW YOU WILL. SEE YOU SOON.
I'LL MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME.
Seriously, cut it out!!!
QUIT THAT. HOW'S ARTISAN DOING?
OOOH A RING ON HER LEFT HAND YOU SMOOTHIE! ♪
ICHIHASHI?
She fainted yesterday, remember?
NUDGE NUDGE


ZZZZ...
She was exhausted, so she's totally conked out.
I'VE BEEN SNEAKING OFF TO WATCH HER WHILE SHE SLEEPS.
Heh...
Forgive me, Artisan...for leaving you with him.
SHE WOKE AND STARTED ACTING LIKE SHE WAS A ROBO-MAID.
I'm a cleanin fiend!
I had nothing to do with it!

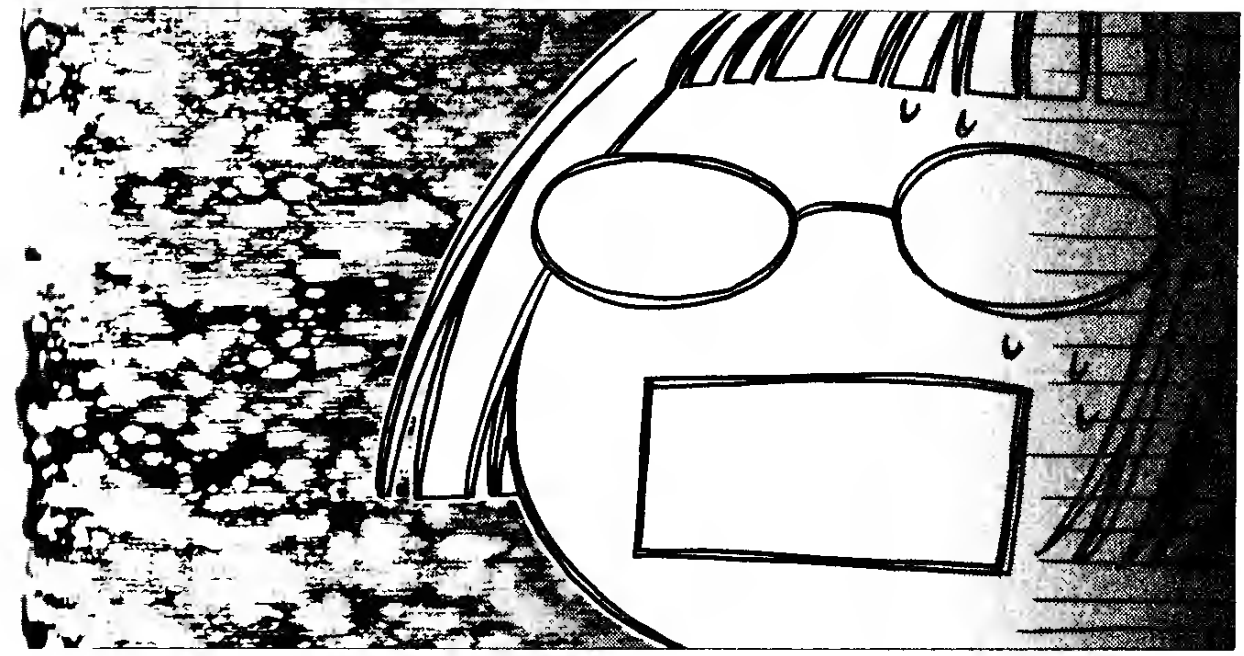
...
MM...
ごそ...


BLINK

Story continued: That night, we walked around the bustling city, admiring all of the decorations.

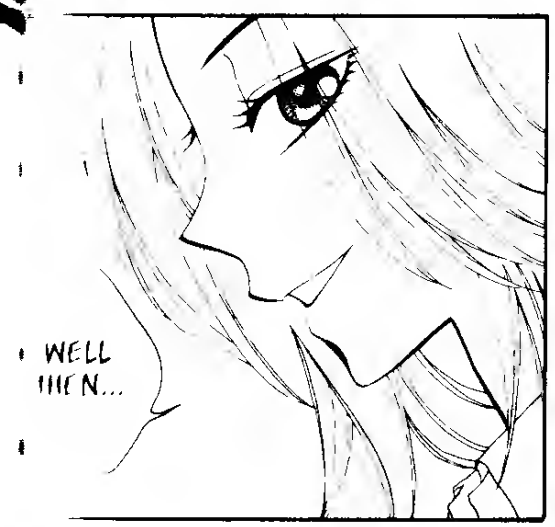
We were sure that the streets would get even more crowded at night, so we ate an early dinner. We decided to share our entrées with each other. Ryo-chan ordered ramen. I ordered fried rice. However, the fried rice only came with a spoon...

That was hilarious! (Lol) It turns out that her handbag is filled with all kinds of wonders (Ha ha). For instance, when we went out for some Chinese food, she took out her own rice ball from her bag and started eating it! (Bwa ha ha)



BY THE WAY, I BET YOU CAN'T WAIT TO SEE AGEHA-CHAN, HUH?
YEAH.

Yaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!
Heh heh
HER REACTION WHEN SHE WOKE UP WAS PRICELESS.
PLEASE, FOR-GIVE ME, ARTISAN.
heh heh
heh heh
I can imagine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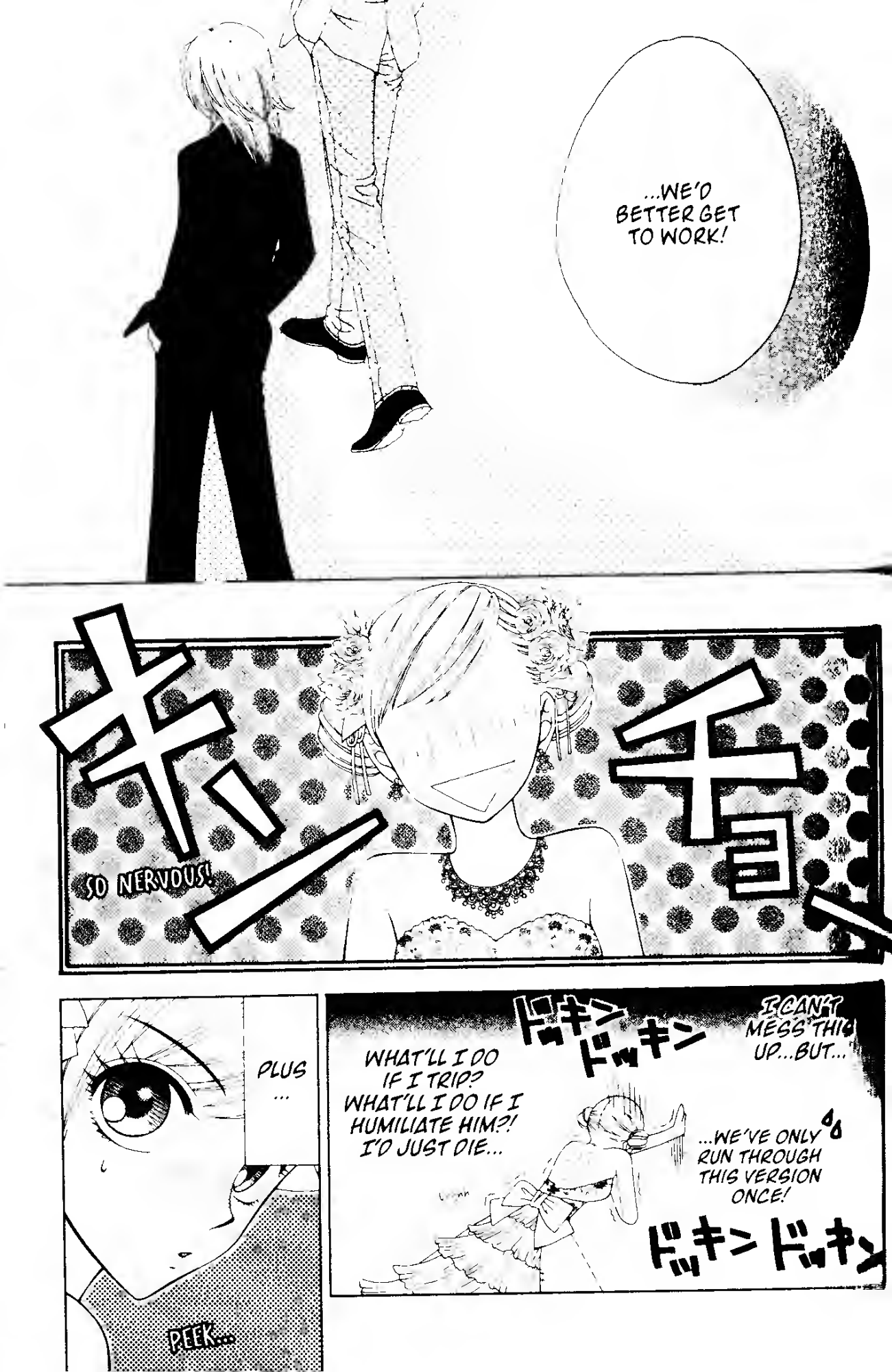

...WE'D BETTER GET TO WORK!
キョロ
キョロ
SO NERVOUS!
PLUS ...
PEEK...
ドッキン ドッキン
WHAT'LL I DO IF I TRIP? WHAT'LL I DO IF I HUMILIATE HIM?! I'D JUST DIE...
I CAN'T MESS THIS UP...BUT...
...WE'VE ONLY RUN THROUGH THIS VERSION ONCE!
ドッキン ドッキン

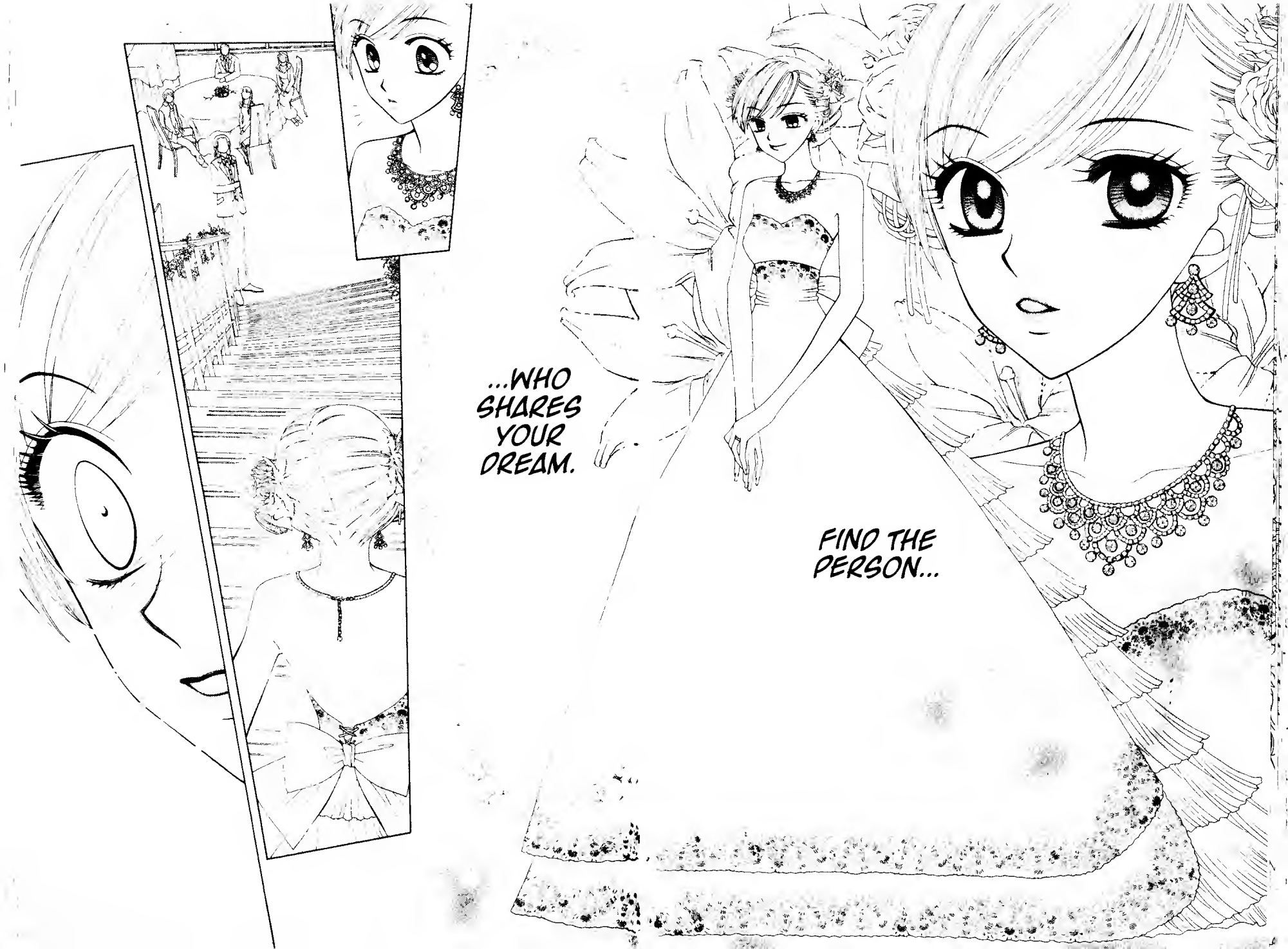
THEY'RE ALL...
Ah!
...SO AMAZING!
THEY'RE ALL PROFESSIONAL MODELS!
AHHHHH!
I'm bunded by the beauty!
They look like they're sparkling

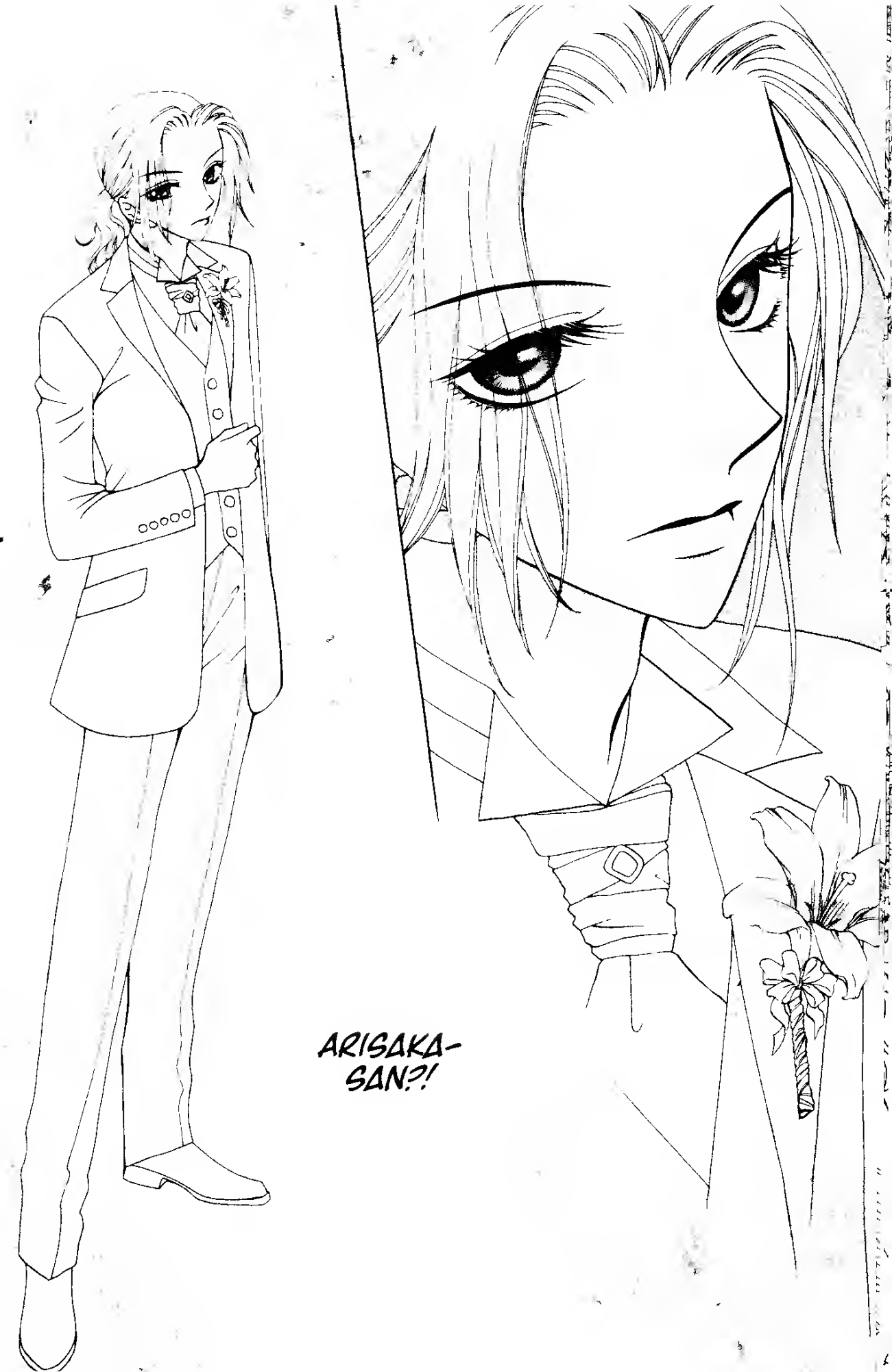
WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE DRESS SHOW.
OH MY GOSH!!
MURMUR MURMUR
Noooo!
OH...
"LOOK, I KNOW WE'VE FACED A LOT OF CHALLENGES LATELY..."
"...BUT, TOGETHER, WE PULLED THROUGH."
"I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW..."
"...I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, TOO."

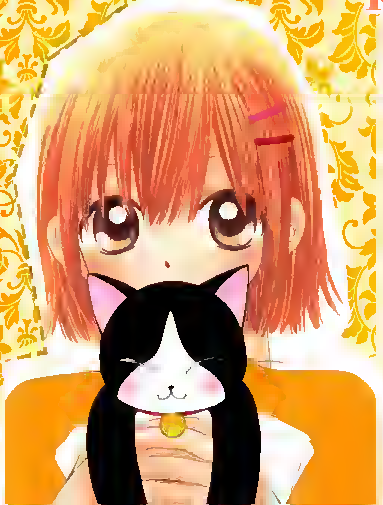
"COME ON..."
ARISAKA-SAN...
AT THE WEDDING DEMO LAST SUMMER ...
"...I'M HERE WITH YOU."
ARISAKA-SAN ALWAYS GIVES ME COURAGE.
THIS RING IS ARISAKA-SAN'S FAITH IN ME.

...MAKES ME BRAVE.
THIS RING...

...TO THE RHYTHM OF THE PIANO.
I WALK DOWN THE LONG STAIRCASE...
...AND STROLL ONCE AROUND THE FLOOR...
...ONE, TWO, THREE...
ONE, TWO, THREE...
CINDERELLA'S MAGICAL MOMENT.


...WHO SHARES YOUR DREAM.
FIND THE PERSON...


ARISAKA-
SAN?!



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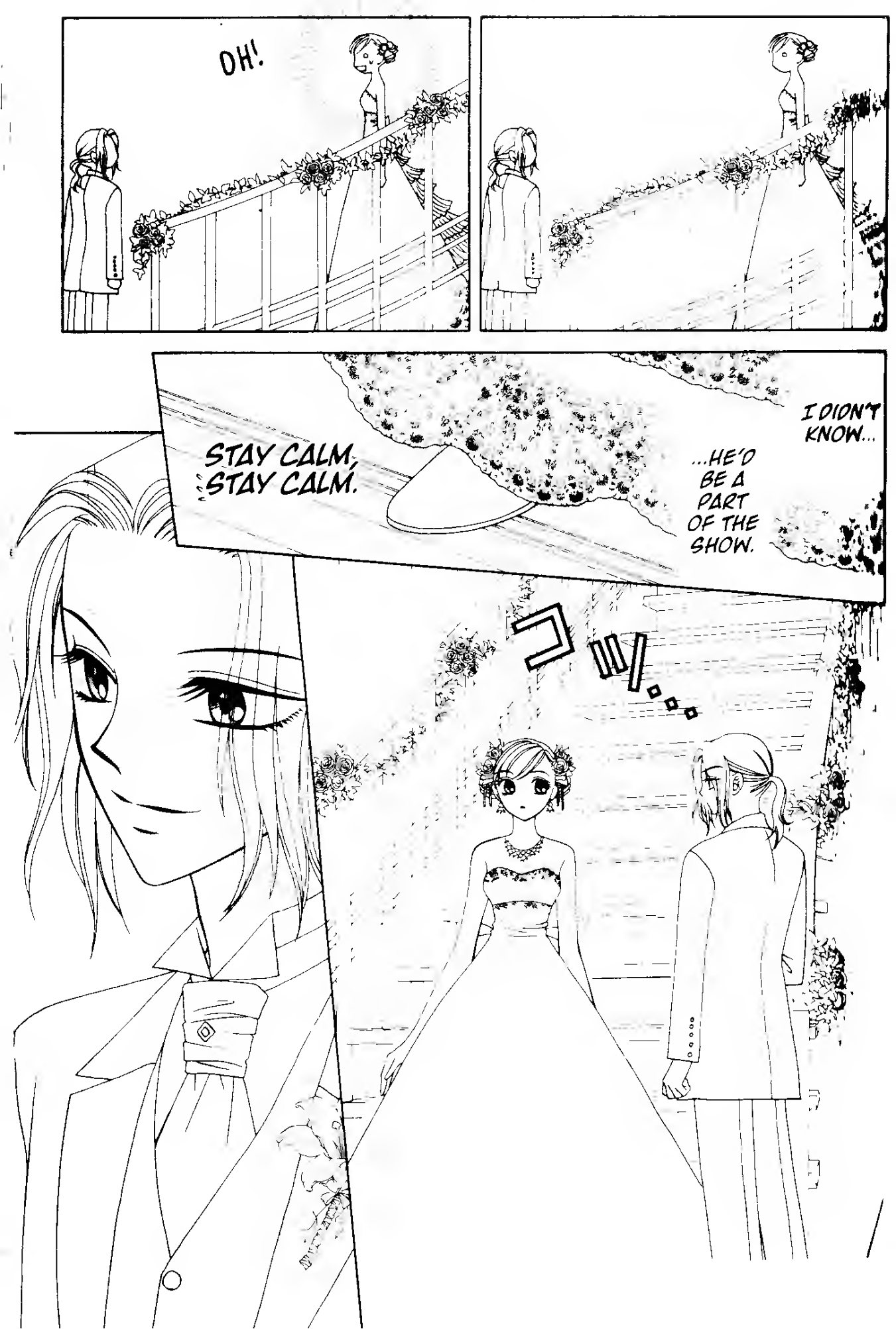
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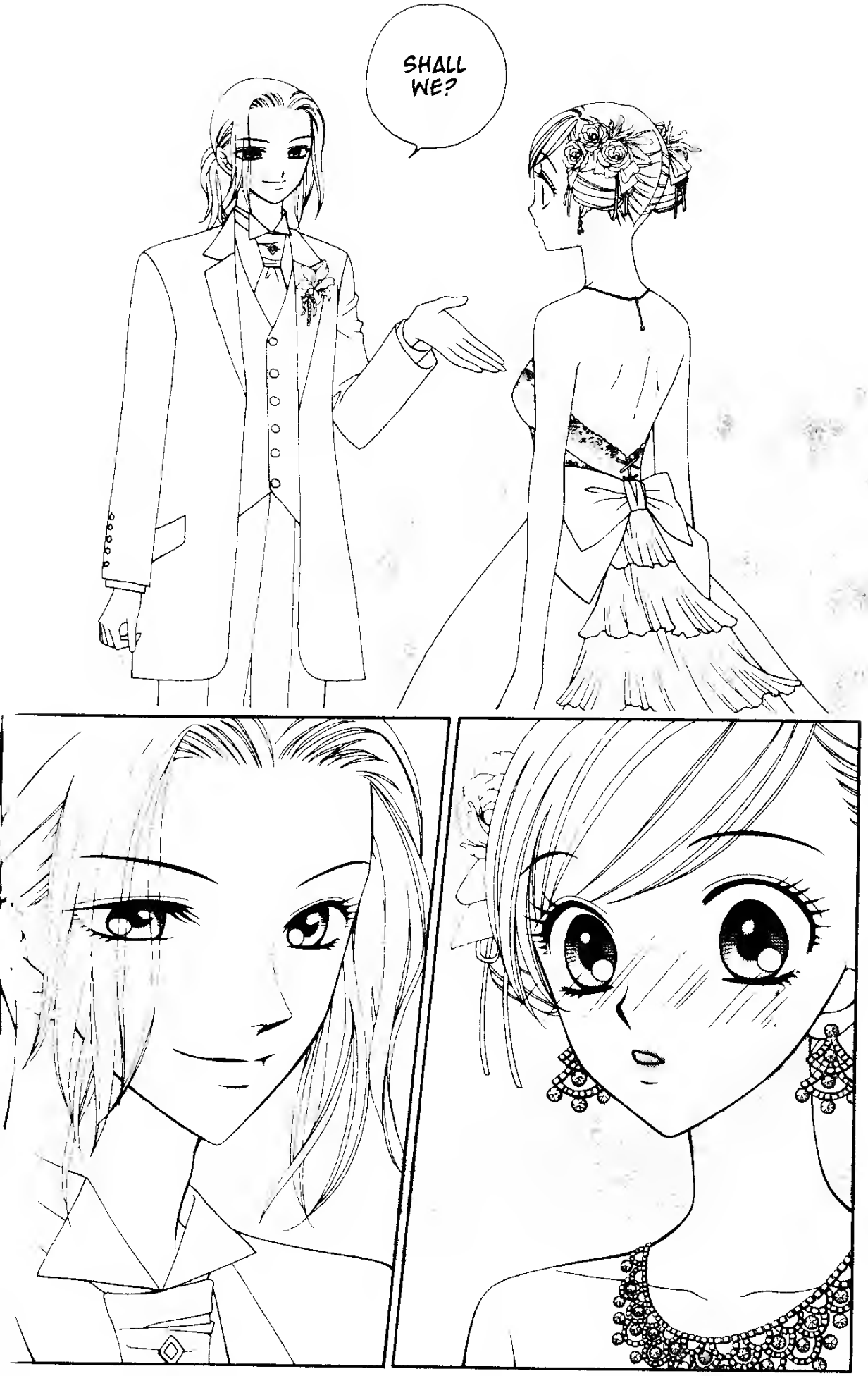
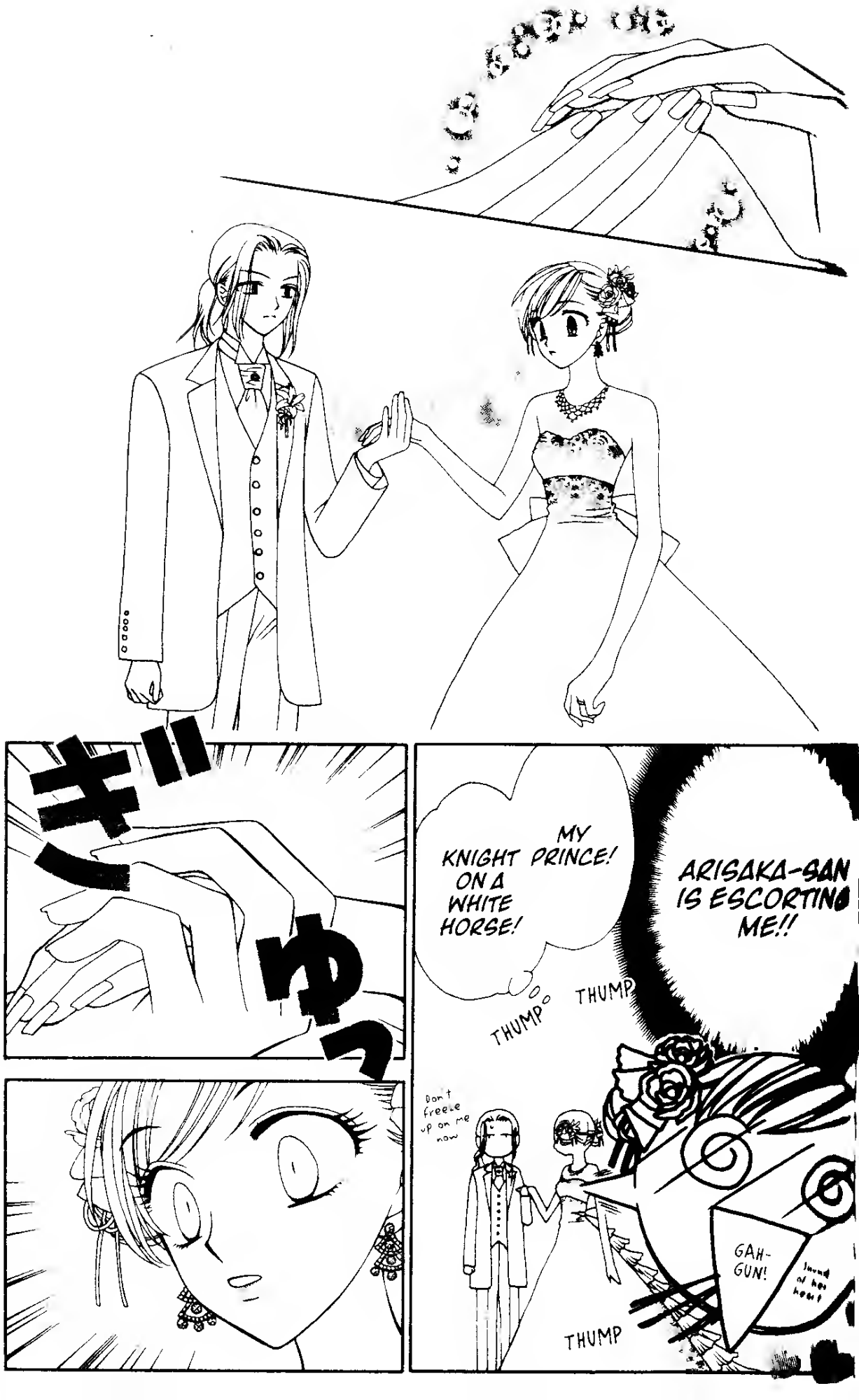
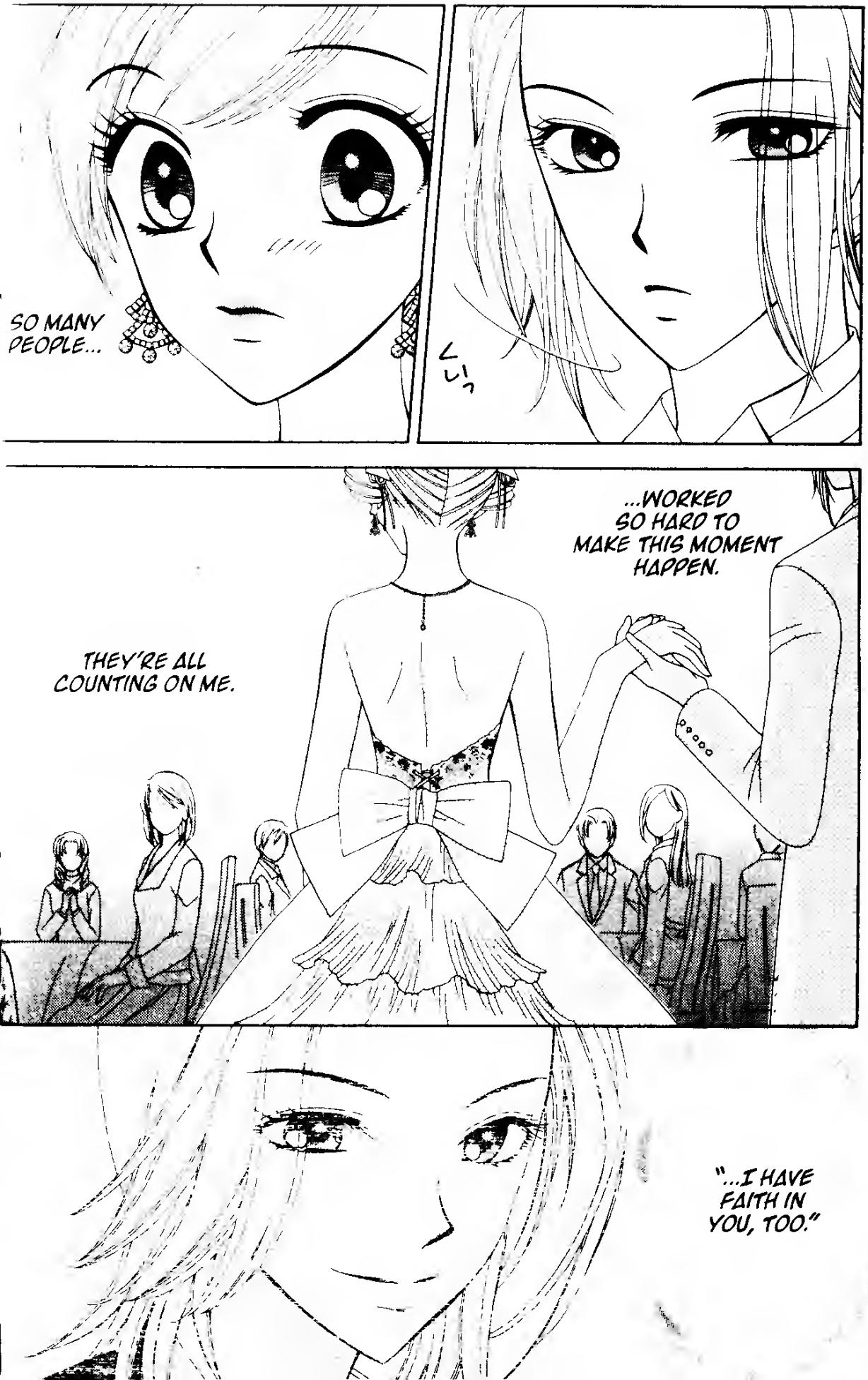
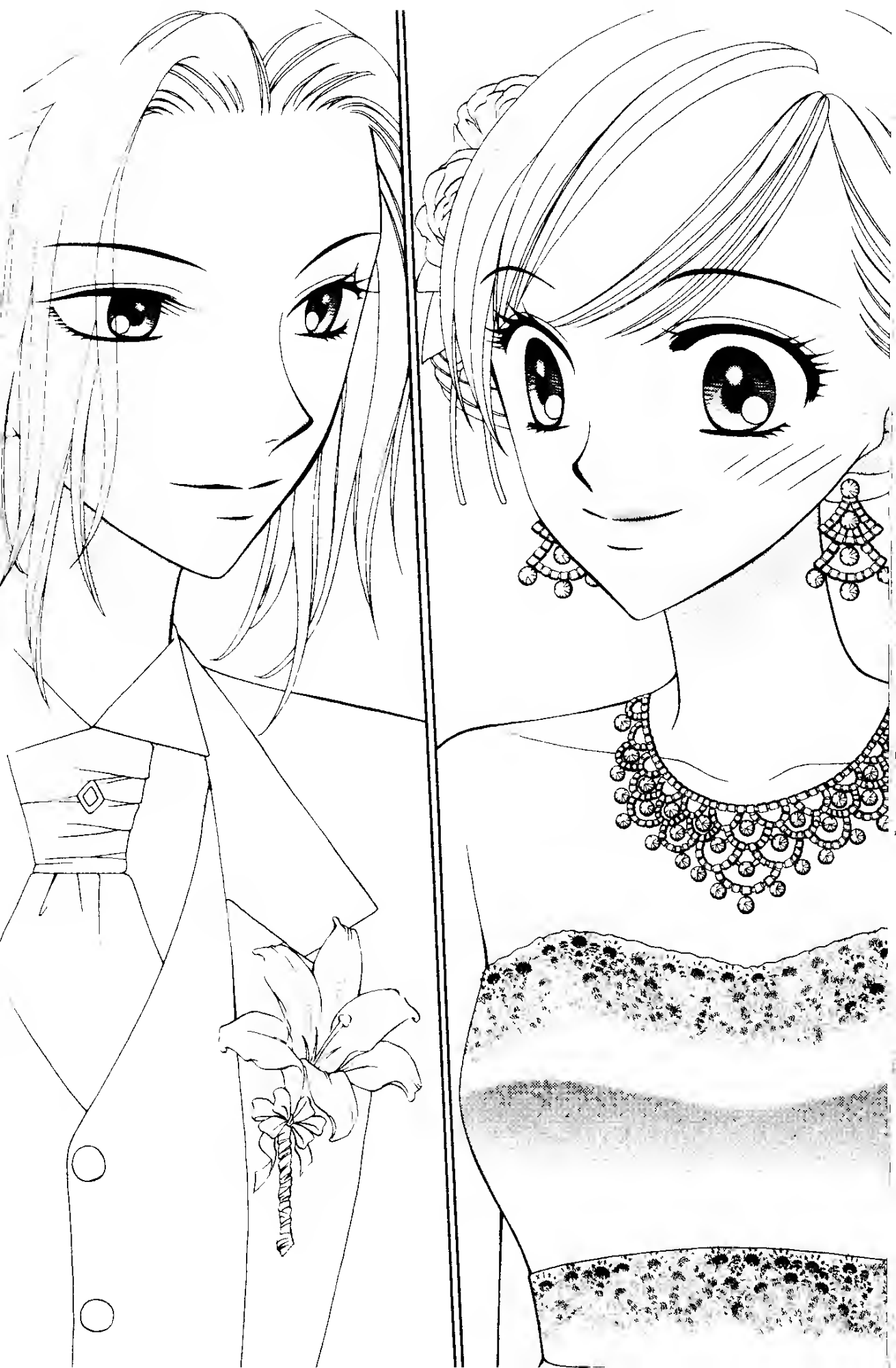
I DIDN'T KNOW...
...HE'D BE A PART OF THE SHOW.
STAY CALM, STAY CALM.


SHALL WE?


ARISAKA-SAN IS ESCORTING ME!!
MY KNIGHT PRINCE! ON A WHITE HORSE!
THUMP
THUMP
Don't freeze up on me now
GAH-GUN!
Sound of her heart
THUMP


SO MANY PEOPLE...
ㅅㅣㄱ
...WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THIS MOMENT HAPPEN.
THEY'RE ALL COUNTING ON ME.
"...I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, TOO."

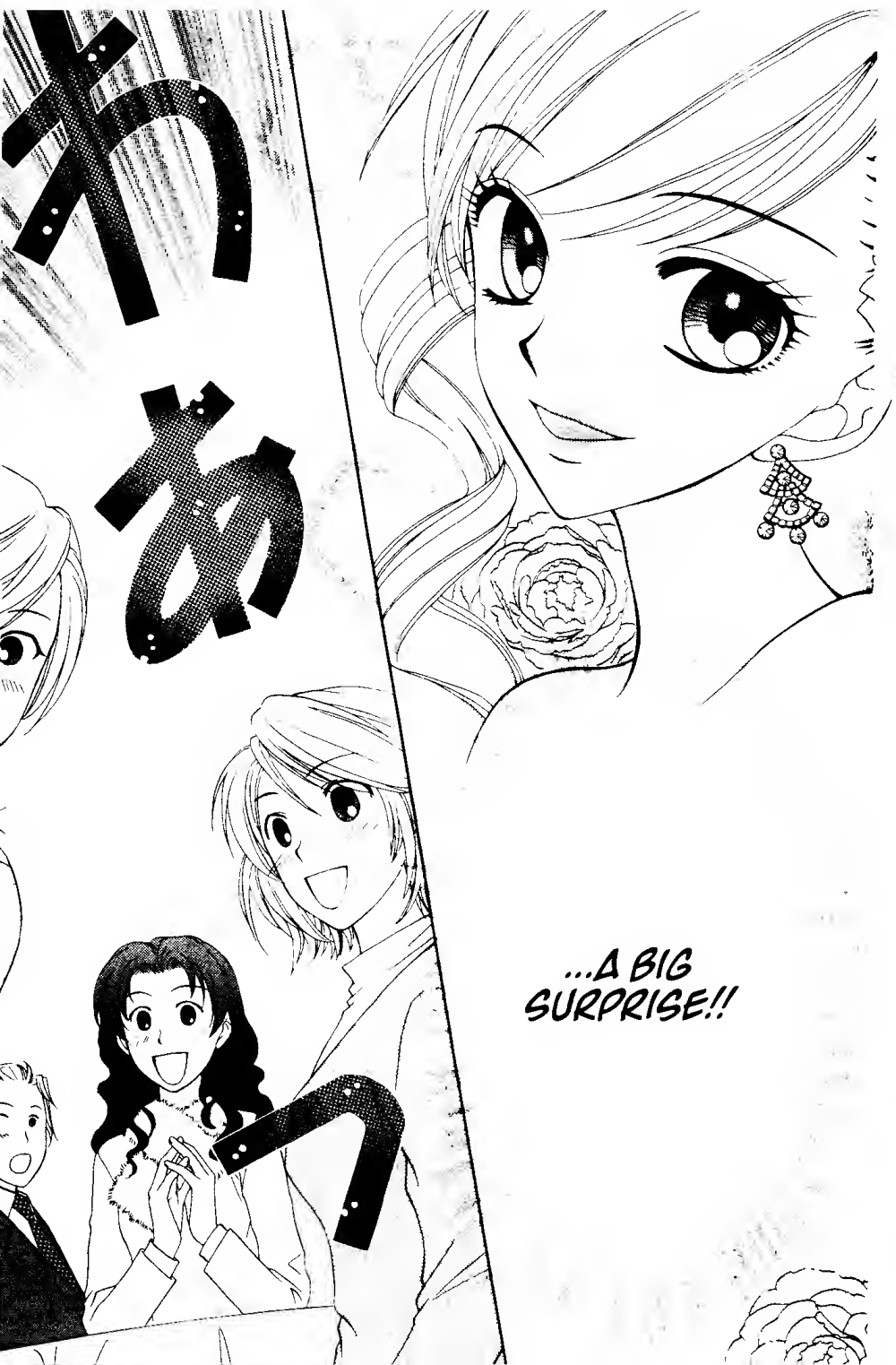
I...
I WON'T LET YOU DOWN.
EVERYONE IS WATCHING...
...AND MY HEART IS POUNDING...



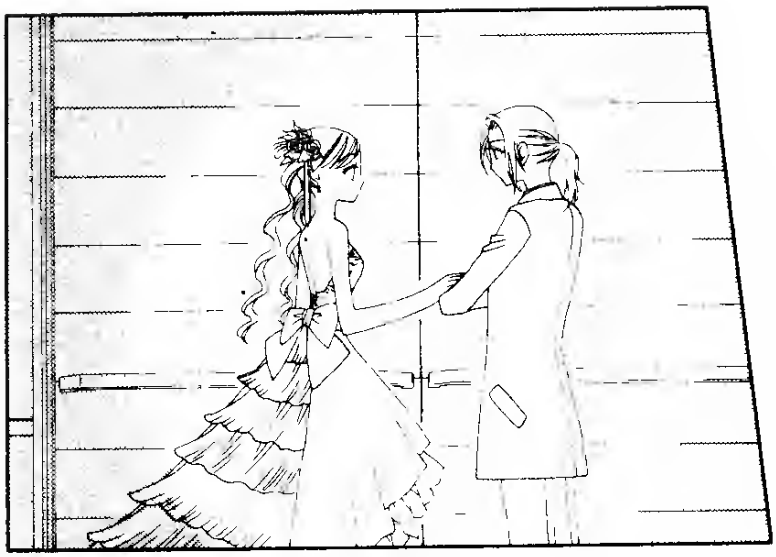
...BUT WITH HIM BY MY SIDE, I AM STRONG.

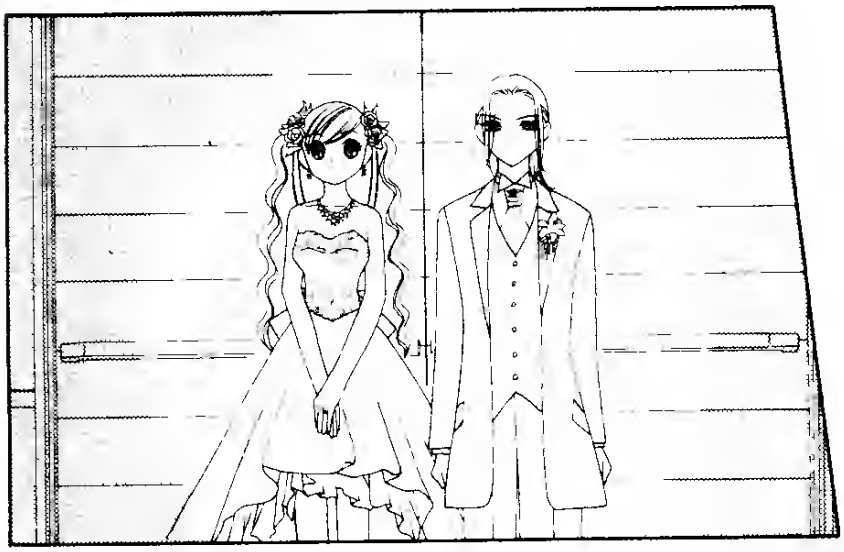
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO FEELS IT.

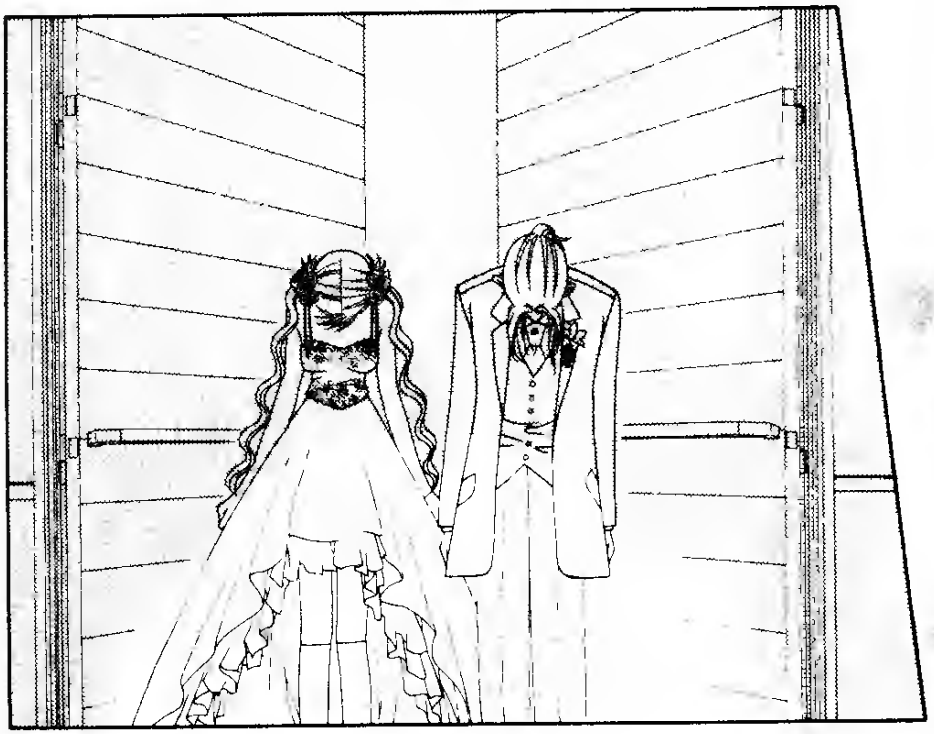
SNAP
HONORED GUESTS...
CLICK


...A BIG SURPRISE!!

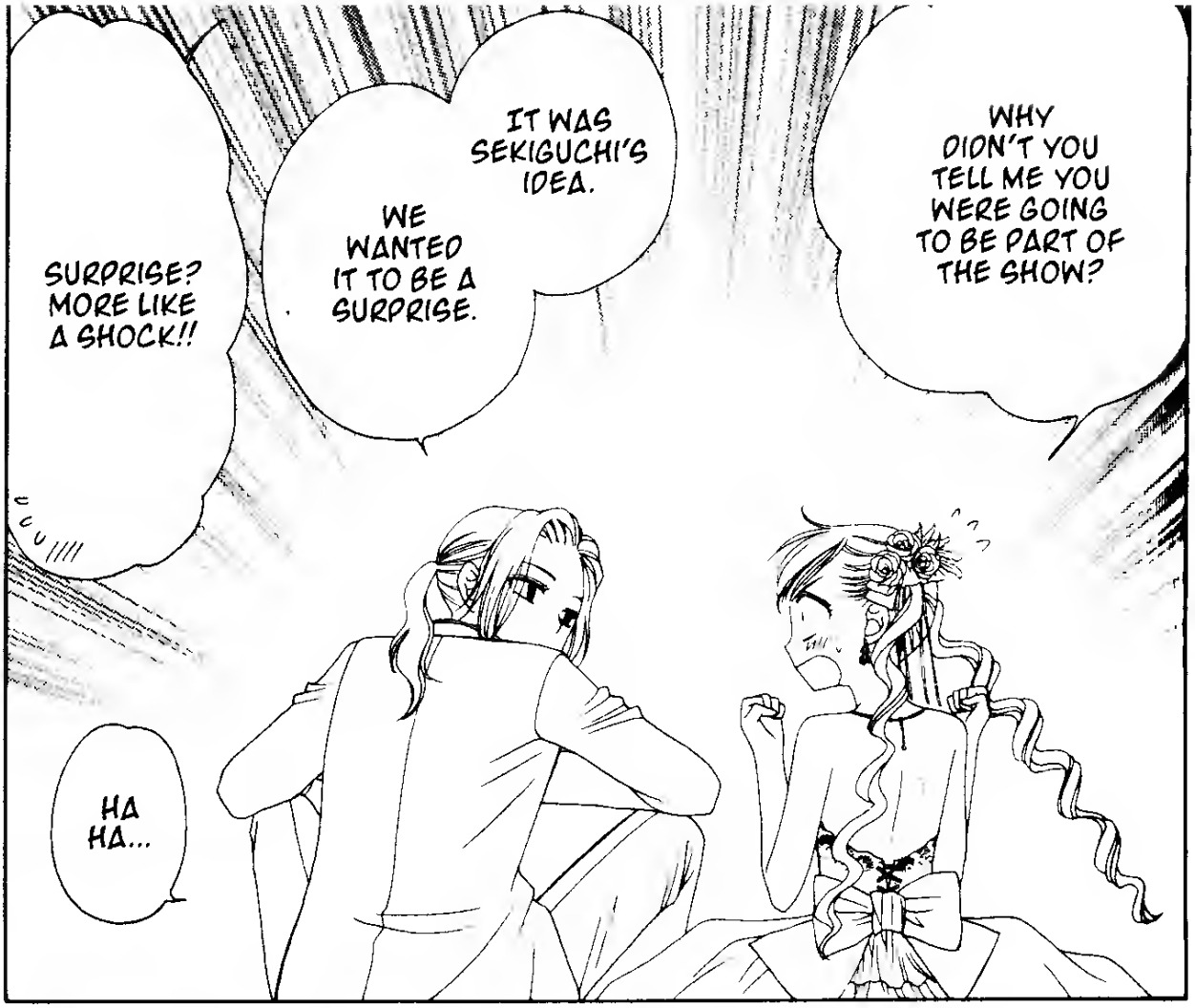
...YOU'RE IN FOR...

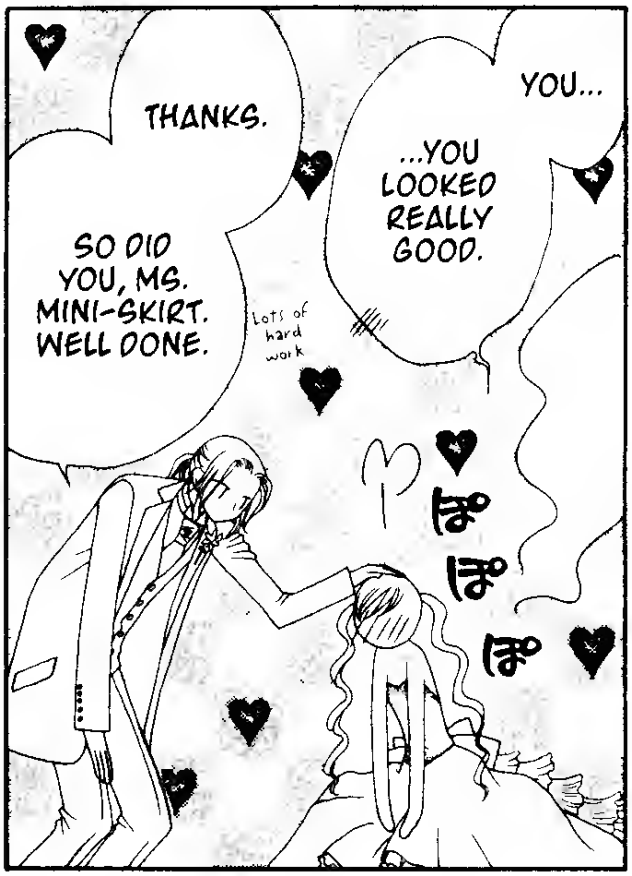






IT'S...
...IT'S FINALLY OVER!!
PHEEEEW!


WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE GOING TO BE PART OF THE SHOW?
IT WAS SEKIGUCHI'S IDEA.
WE WANTED IT TO BE A SURPRISE.
SURPRISE? MORE LIKE A SHOCK!!
HA HA...


YOU...
...YOU LOOKED REALLY GOOD.
THANKS.
SO DID YOU, MS. MINI-SKIRT. WELL DONE.
Lots of hard work
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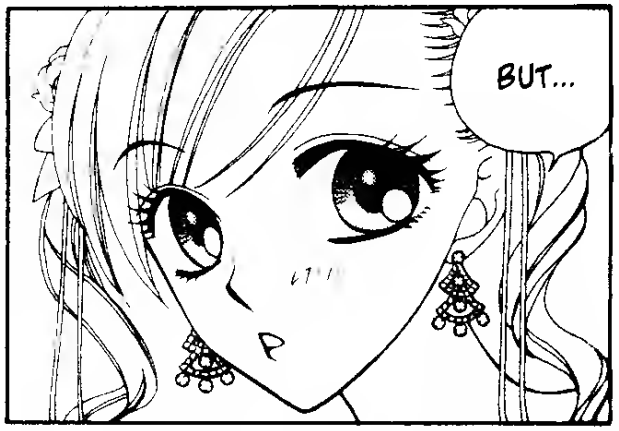
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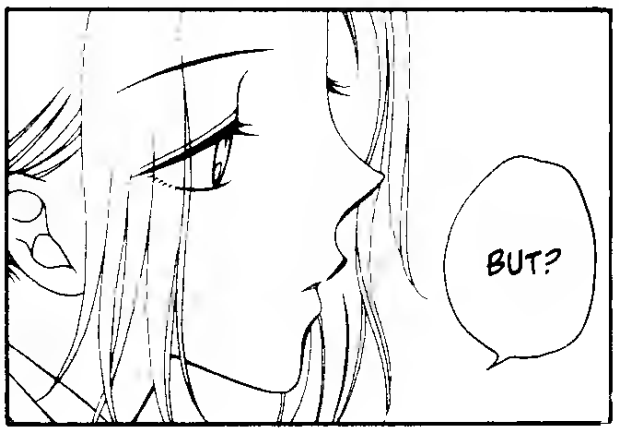
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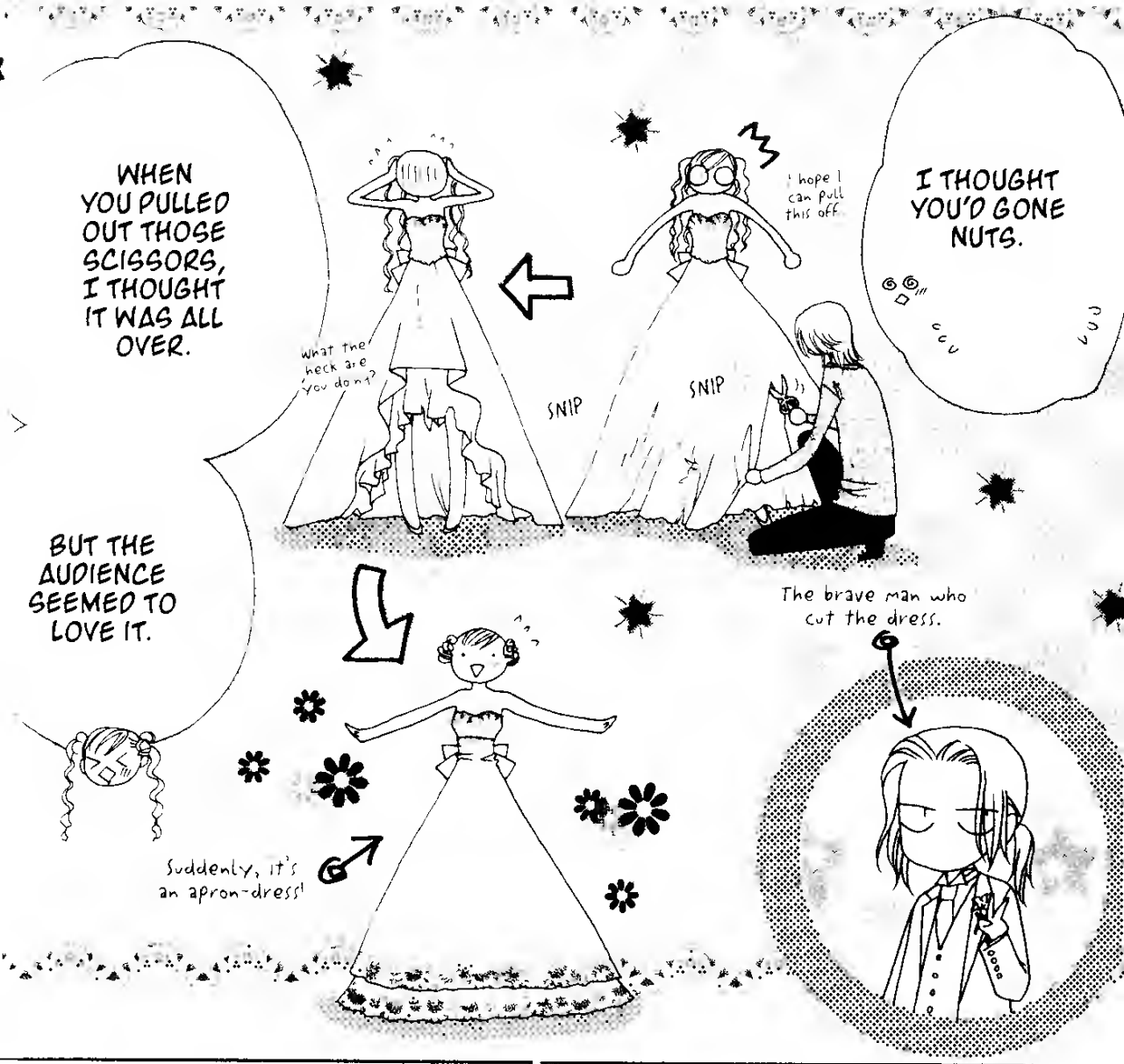
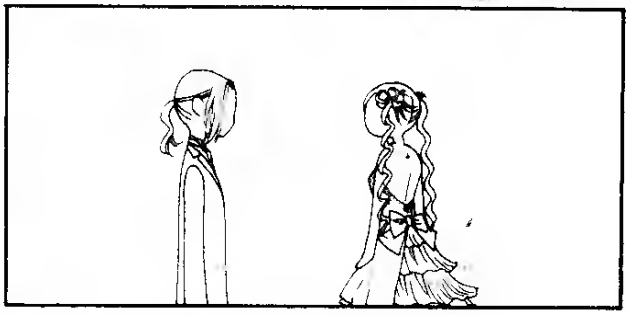
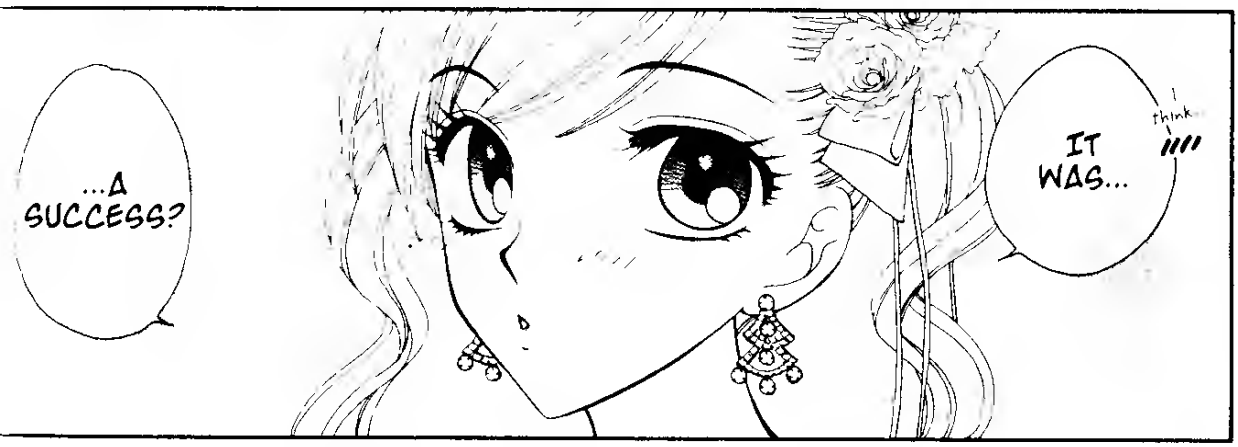

WHEN YOU PULLED OUT THOSE SCISSORS, I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER.
What the heck are you doing?
SNIP
SNIP
I hope I can pull this off.
I THOUGHT YOU'D GONE NUTS.
BUT THE AUDIENCE SEEMED TO LOVE IT.
Suddenly, it's an apron-dress!
The brave man who cut the dress.

NOD
SO, WE DID GOOD, HUH?

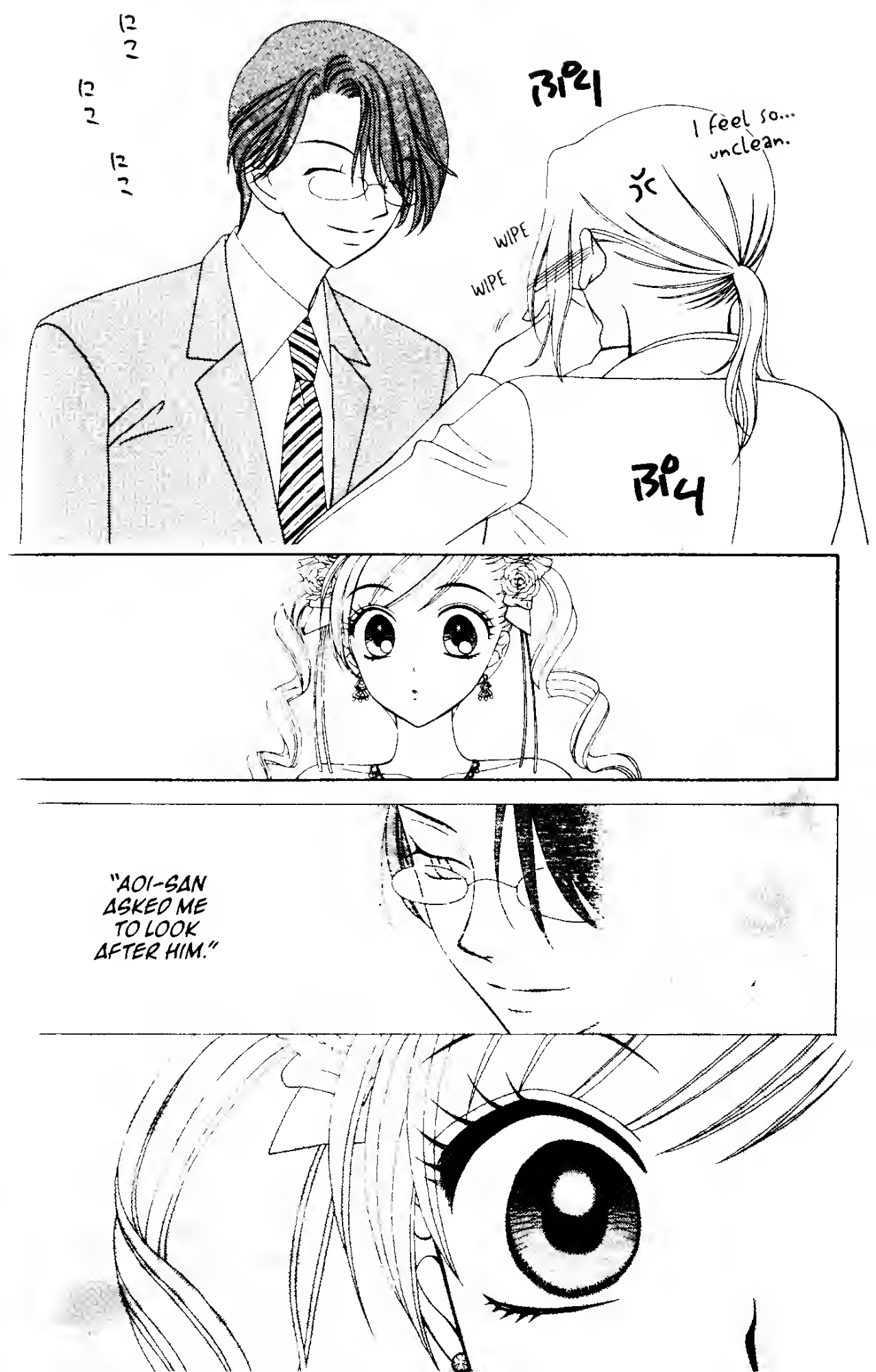



...A SUCCESS?
IT WAS...
I think...

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS INNOVATIVE.
YEAH.
YOUR HAIR WAS CUTE TOO. —
WHA?
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
ALL THANKS TO MAKI-SAN...
...AND KANA-SAN'S HAIR ACCES-SORIES. ♡
A... AND...

...THIS RING...
...GAVE ME COURAGE.
OH, THERE THEY ARE! THE HAPPY COUPLE! ♪

ER. THANKS, I GUESS?
YOU PULLED OFF THE TRANSFORMATION SWIMMINGLY, AGEHA-CHAN!
Bravo-to mini-skirts
NOT TO MENTION...
I'VE GOTTEN NOTHING BUT COMPLIMENTS ABOUT OUR LITTLE SHOW. ♪
SEKIGUCHI-SAN.
Dwaaah!
TAKE YOUR MONEY-GRUBBING MITTS OFF ME, YOU FIEND!
AND NO MORE CREEPY "DADDY" TALK!
WE'RE GOING TO SELL A TON OF CLOTHES! YOU'VE MADE DADDY SO HAPPY! ♡
...THE BLUSHING GROOM YUKARIN! SO BEAUTIFUL! SO MANLY. THE AUDIENCE WAS SWOONING OVER YOU! ♡
SEKIGUCHI-SAN SERIOUSLY NEEDS TO CHILL OUT...
I pray for you, Arisaka-san.
GAAAAAAHHH!
I'M SO HAPPY I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A BIG KISS! ♡
Smooch!


I feel so... unclean.
WIPE
WIPE
"AOI-SAN ASKED ME TO LOOK AFTER HIM."

ドキドキ
ギリギリギリ
YOU DID IT, SEKIGUCHI-SAN! CONGRATS!
I THINK HE GETS THE POINT!
SKREE SKREE
Did-what? Kiss me?
Keep what from who? Ririko?
YES SIR!
PUZZLED
LET'S KEEP THAT CONVERSATION TO OURSELVES!

NEVER MIND. BUSINESS AWAITS!
And thus!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU CAN GET OUT OF YOUR CLOTHES NOW, AGEHA-CHAN!
SEKIGUCHI, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO PUT AGEHA'S DRESS ON DISPLAY?
Oh!
I HOPE YOU MEANT THAT I CAN GO AND CHANGE.
PLEASE, LEAVE AL-READY...
Why do I... put up with him?
CHA-CHING
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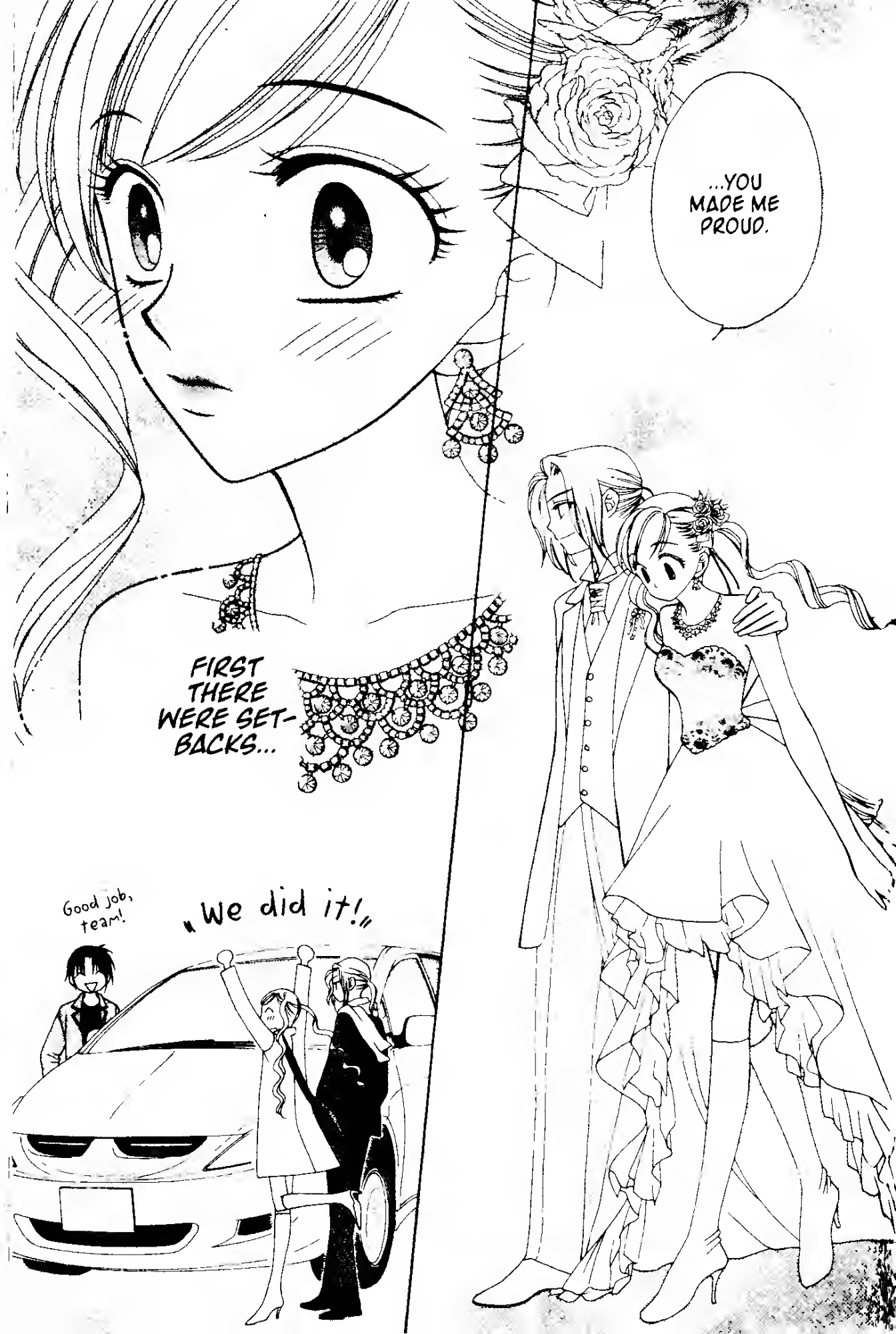
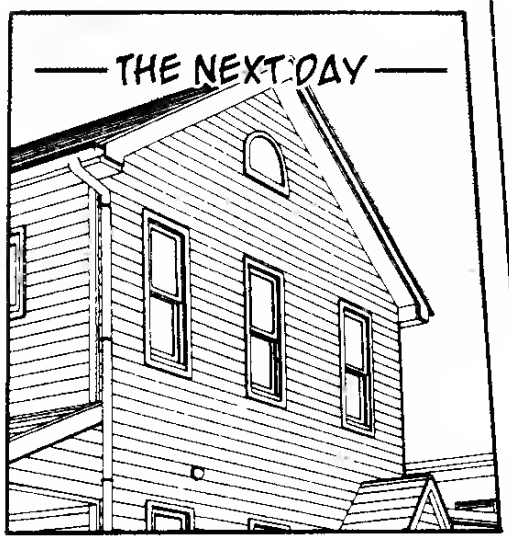
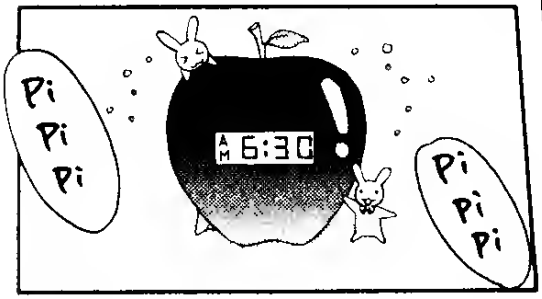
I HAVE TO TELL YOU...


...YOU MADE ME PROUD.
FIRST THERE WERE SET-BACKS...
Good job, team!
"We did it!"

...THEN THERE WAS KANA-SAN...THEN WHAT HAP-PENED WITH ARISAKA-SAN.
I got a ton of catalogs!
THEN THERE WAS THE DISASTER WITH THE DRESS...
That's good.
...AND ALL OF THE OTHER WORRIES AND HARD WORK...
BUT IT ALL WENT BY IN A FLASH!
YAWN!
SO NOW...
YUKARI-KUN...
...SO I GO BACK TO RETRIEVE THE DRESS TOMORROW...?

ZZZZ
HEH!





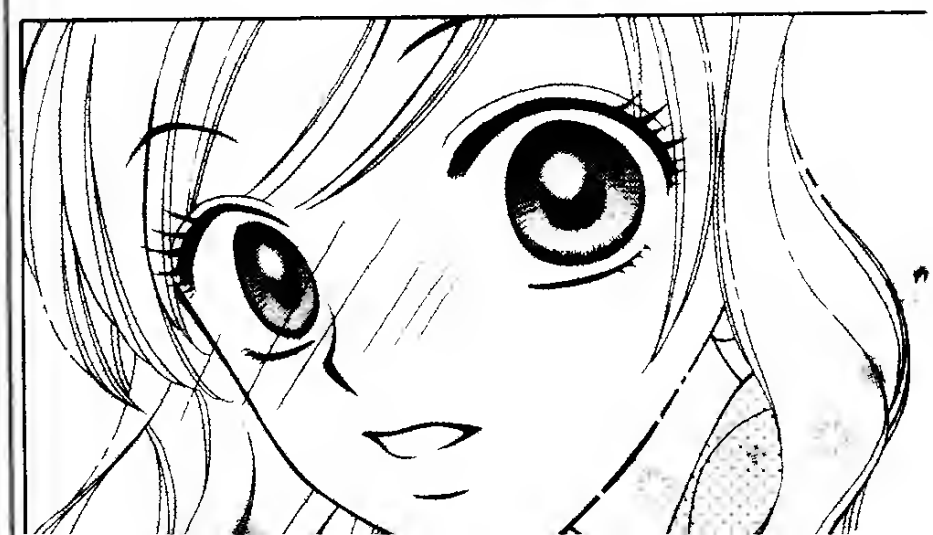
...ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

BUT...

BACK TO MONDAY MORNING REALITY...

...AFTER A DREAM-LIKE YESTERDAY.

...IT WASN'T A DREAM.



I HAVE PROOF OF THAT, RIGHT IN MY HAND.
SOMETIMES, LIFE IS JUST TOO GOOD!
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I'VE QUELIED SEVERAL CHAPTERS TO BE RELEASED ON SATURDAYS WHILE I'M GONE. HAPPY READING!

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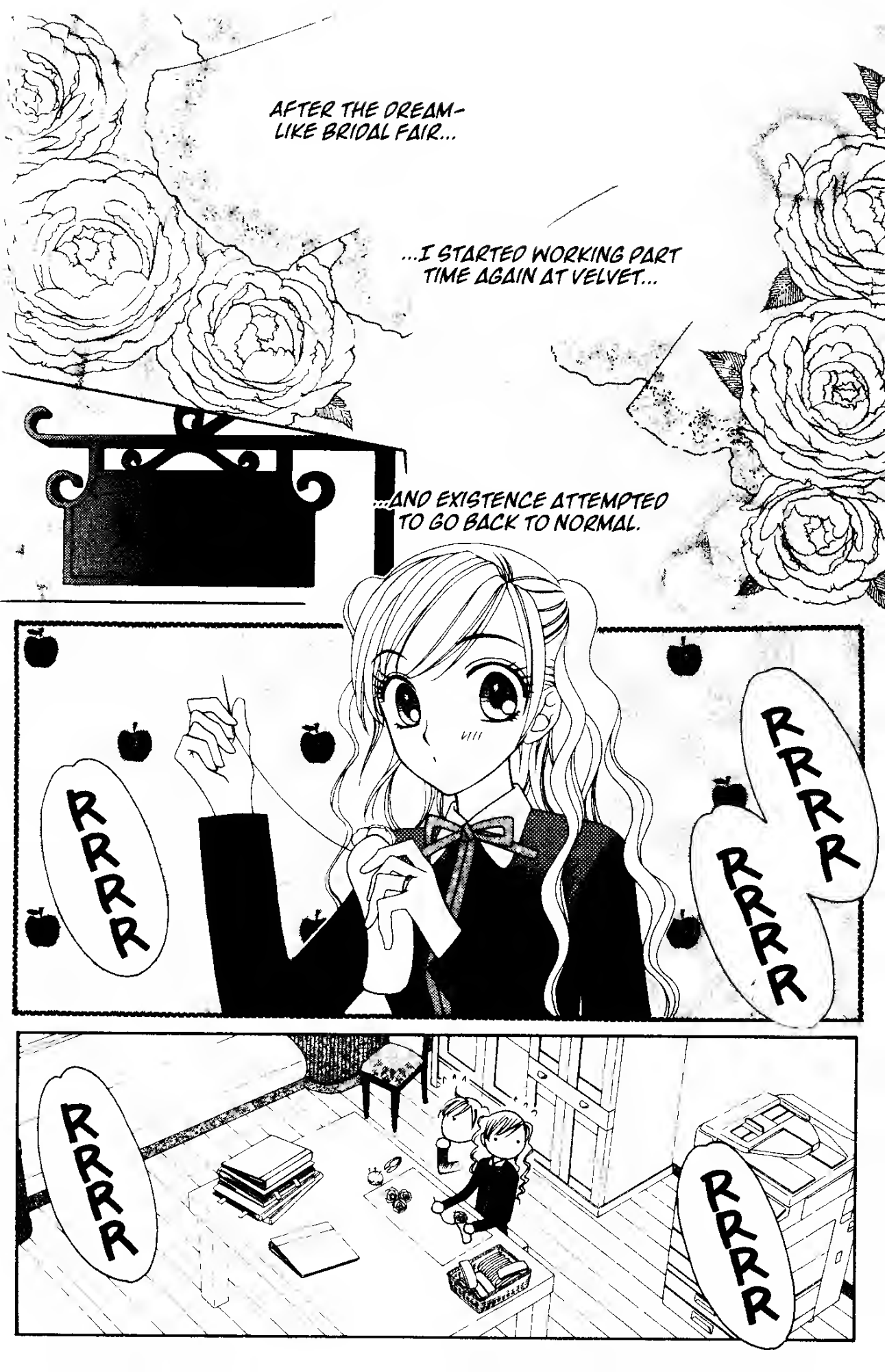
Episode 53


AFTER THE DREAM-LIKE BRIDAL FAIR...
...I STARTED WORKING PART TIME AGAIN AT VELVET...
...AND EXISTENCE ATTEMPTED TO GO BACK TO NORMAL.
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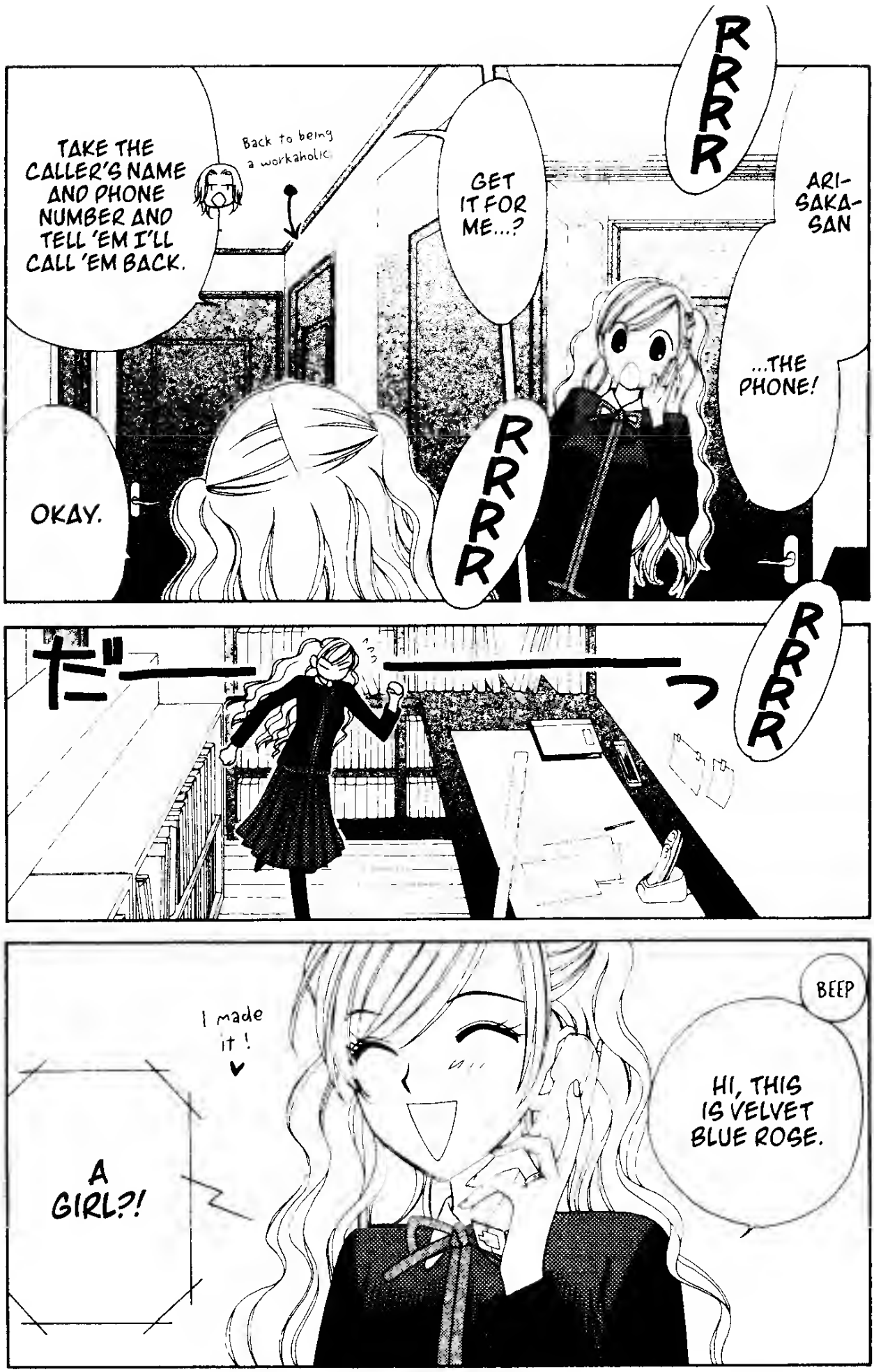
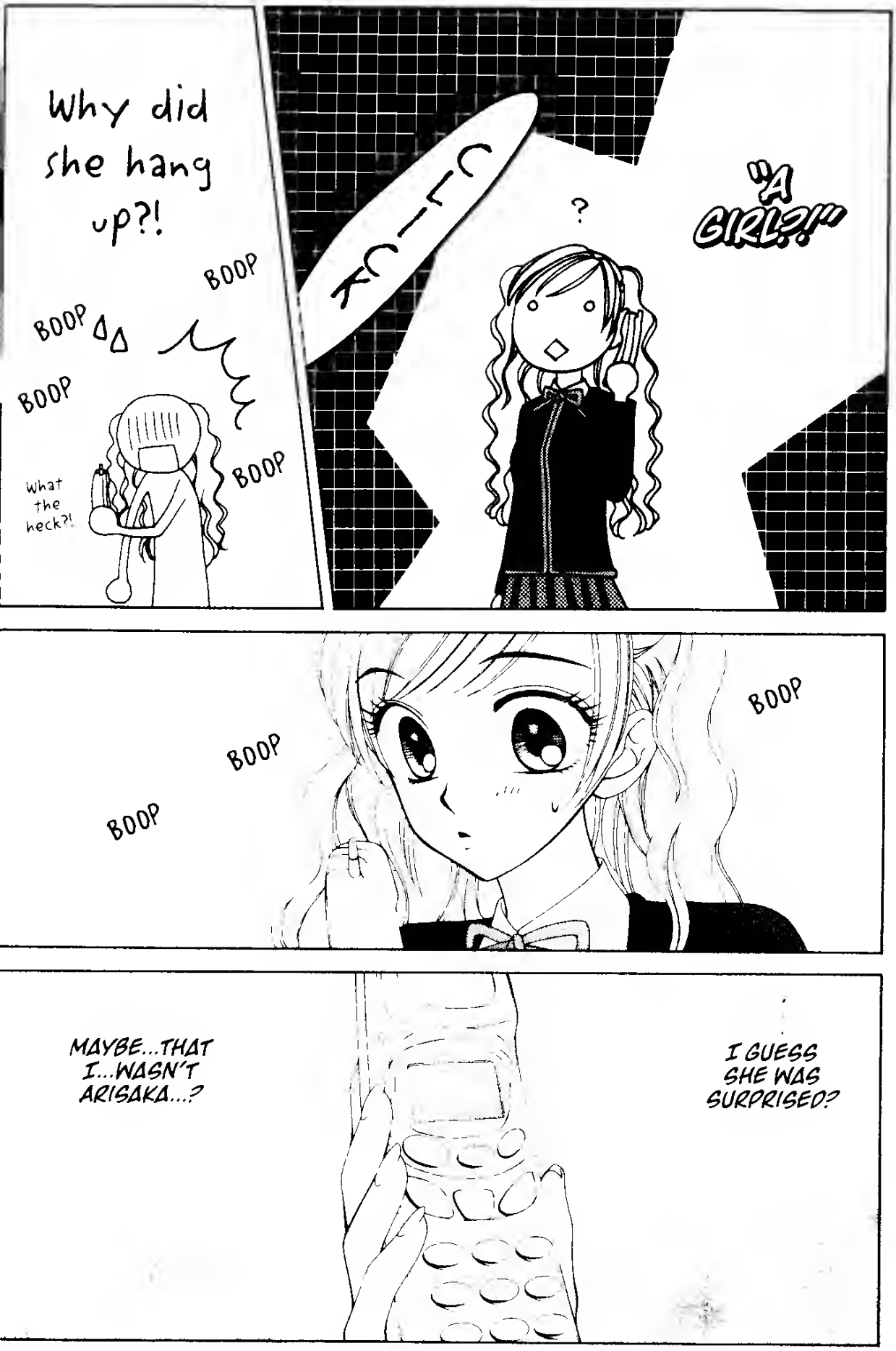

RRRR
ARI-SAKA-SAN
...THE PHONE!
GET IT FOR ME...?
RRRR
Back to being a workaholic
TAKE THE CALLER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AND TELL 'EM I'LL CALL 'EM BACK.
OKAY.
RRRR
BEEP
HI, THIS IS VELVET BLUE ROSE.
I made it!
A GIRL?!


Why did she hang up?!
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
What the heck?!
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?
"A GIRL?!"
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
MAYBE...THAT I...WASN'T ARISAKA...?
I GUESS SHE WAS SURPRISED?

UH...
...UM...
UM...
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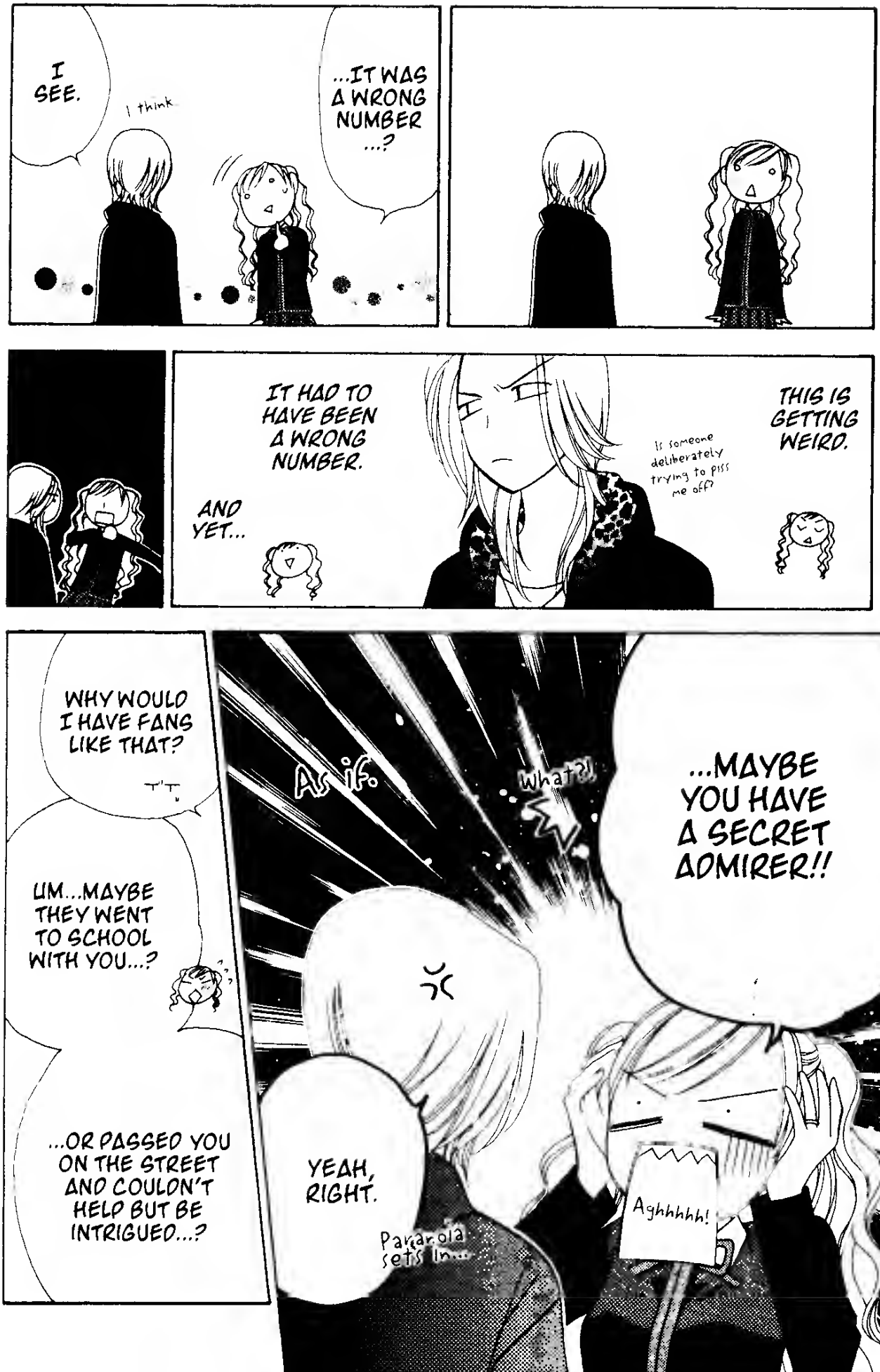
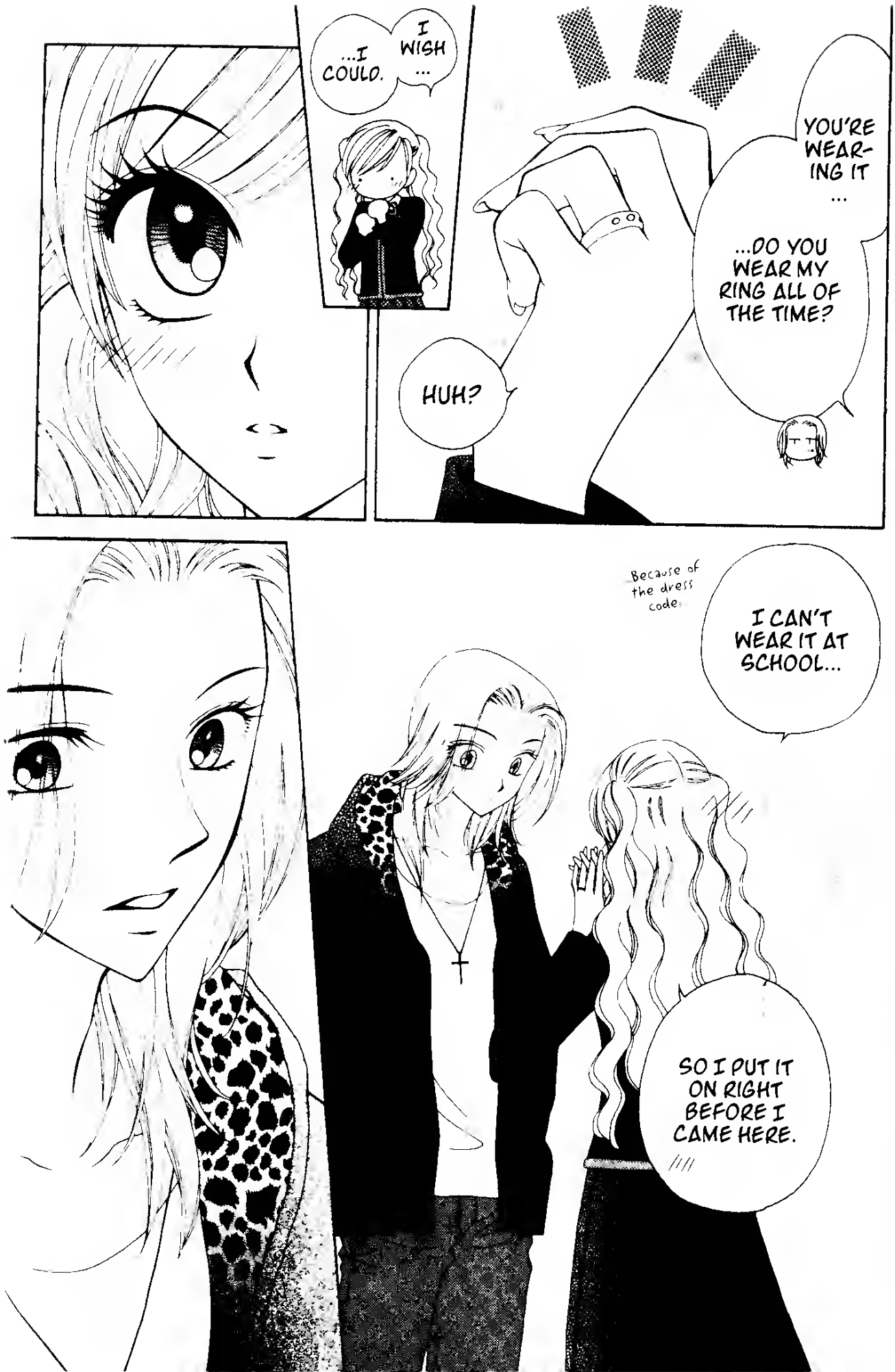
THE CALL GOT...DIS-CONNECTED.
AGEHA, WHO WAS IT?
SILENT...?
HUH?
WAS IT ONE OF THE WEIRD SILENT CALLS WE'VE BEEN GETTING?
"A GIRL?!"


I SEE.
I think
...IT WAS A WRONG NUMBER ...?
IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN A WRONG NUMBER.
AND YET...
Is someone deliberately trying to piss me off?
THIS IS GETTING WEIRD.
WHY WOULD I HAVE FANS LIKE THAT?
UM...MAYBE THEY WENT TO SCHOOL WITH YOU...?
...OR PASSED YOU ON THE STREET AND COULDN'T HELP BUT BE INTRIGUED...?
As if.
What?!
...MAYBE YOU HAVE A SECRET ADMIRER!!
YEAH, RIGHT.
Paranoia sets in...
Aghhhhh!

THE WORDS "BLOWING THINGS OUT OF PROPORTION" SPRING TO MIND.
Run away, Arisaka-san!
EEK! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
?
EEEP!
GET A GRIP.
Love hurts...
Sigh!
I DON'T THINK HE UNDERSTANDS THE DANGER IN WHICH HIS HOTNESS PUTS HIM.
...IT TROUBLES ME.


I WISH ...
...I COULD.
YOU'RE WEAR-ING IT ...
...DO YOU WEAR MY RING ALL OF THE TIME?
HUH?
Because of the dress code.
I CAN'T WEAR IT AT SCHOOL...
SO I PUT IT ON RIGHT BEFORE I CAME HERE.

I'M REALLY GLAD YOU LIKE IT.
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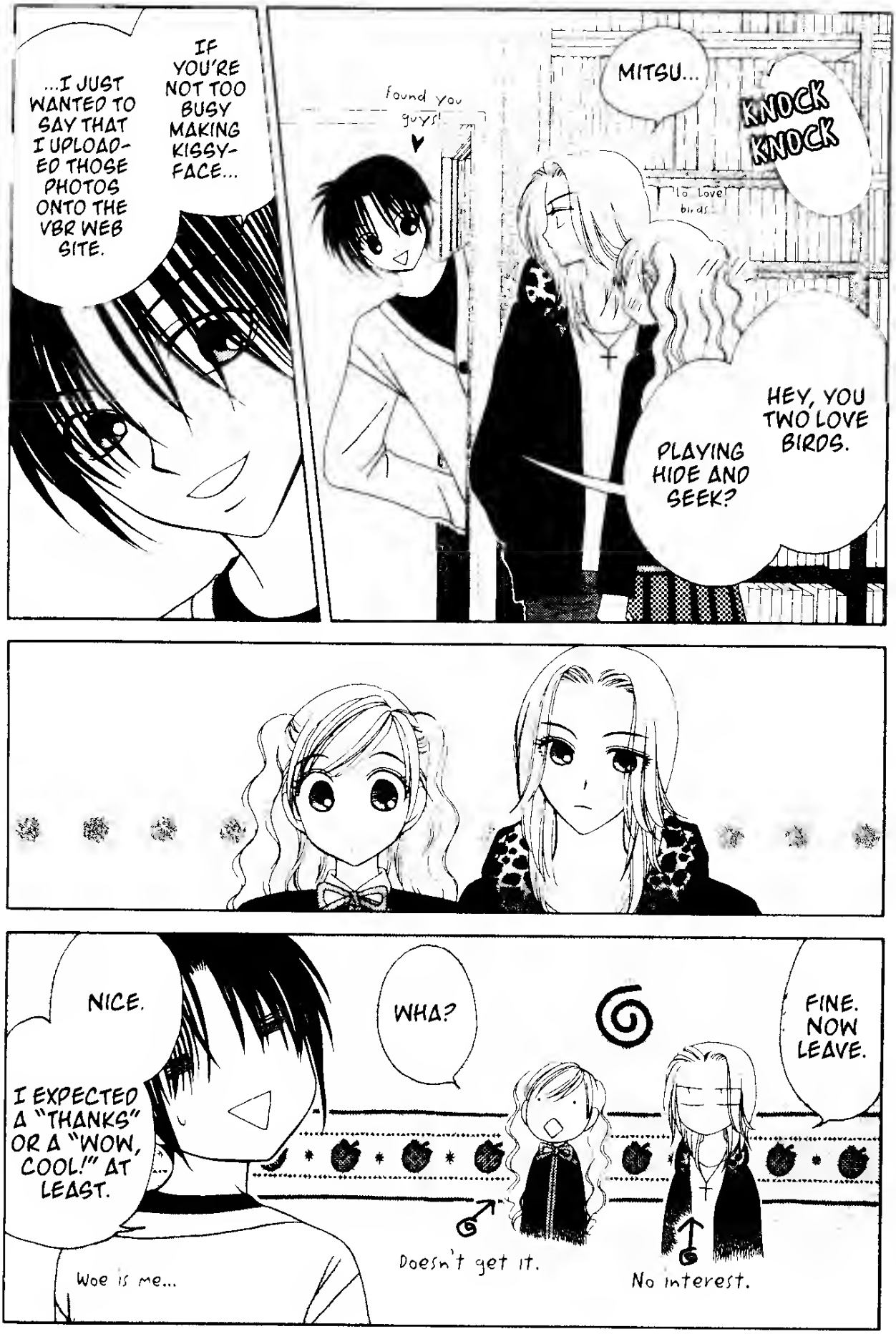
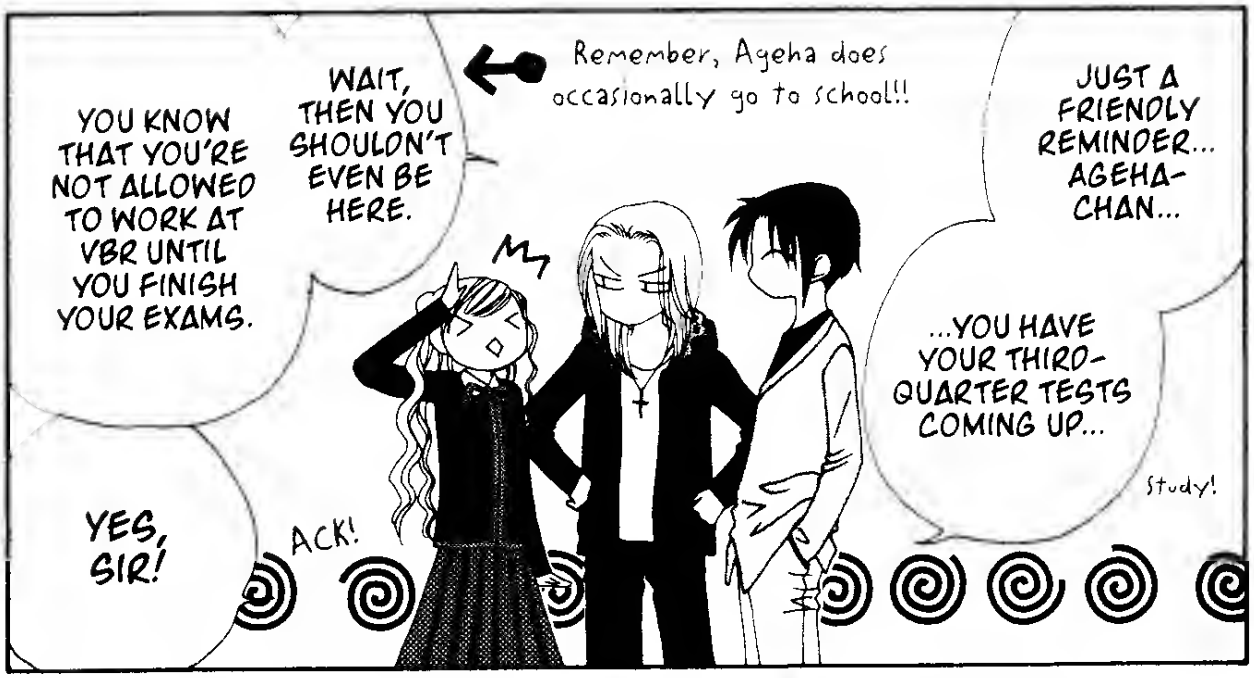
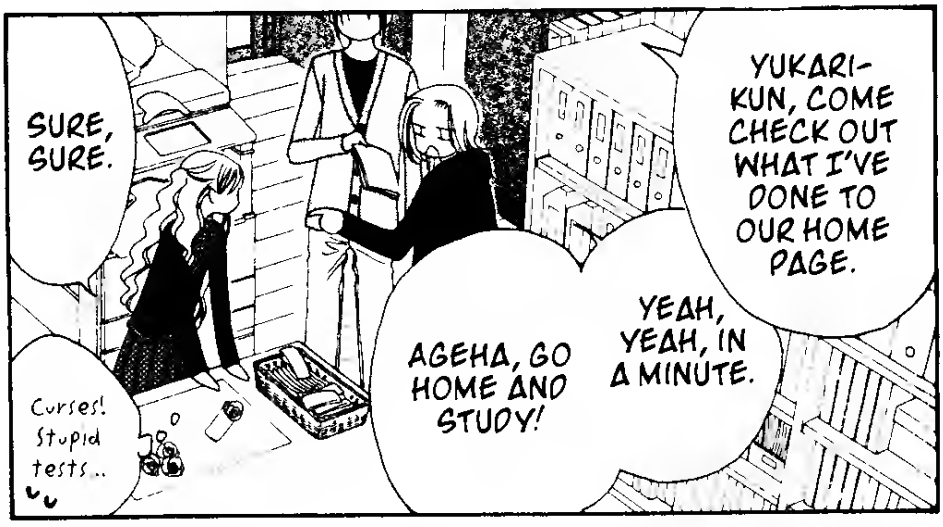
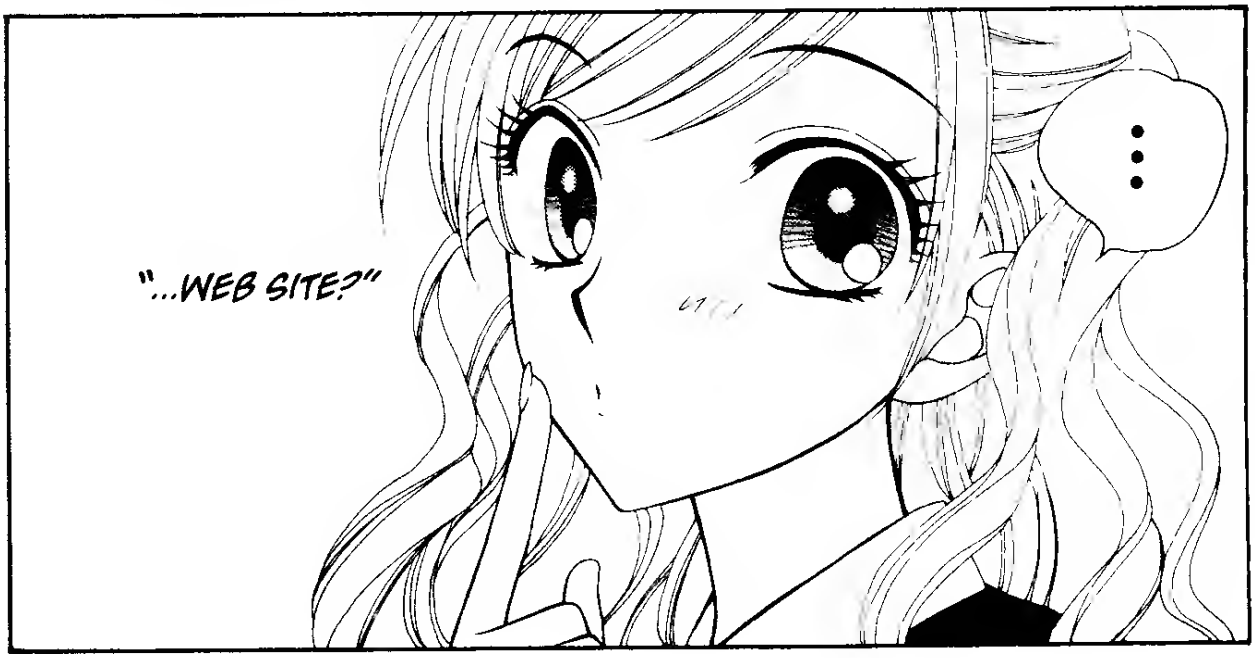
HEE HEE!


IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY MAKING KISSY-FACE...
...I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I UPLOAD-ED THOSE PHOTOS ONTO THE VBR WEB SITE.
Found you guys!
MITSU...
KNOCK KNOCK
lo Love birds
HEY, YOU TWO LOVE BIRDS.
PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK?
NICE.
I EXPECTED A "THANKS" OR A "WOW, COOL!" AT LEAST.
Woe is me...
WHA?
Doesn't get it.
FINE. NOW LEAVE.
No interest.


Remember, Ageha does occasionally go to school!!
YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK AT VBR UNTIL YOU FINISH YOUR EXAMS.
WAIT, THEN YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE.
JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER... AGEHA-CHAN...
...YOU HAVE YOUR THIRD-QUARTER TESTS COMING UP...
Study!
YES, SIR!
ACK!

How's the new lace that arrived today?
I think it'll be great once we dye it
...


YUKARI-KUN, COME CHECK OUT WHAT I'VE DONE TO OUR HOME PAGE.
YEAH, YEAH, IN A MINUTE.
AGEHA, GO HOME AND STUDY!
SURE, SURE.
Curses! Stupid tests...


"...WEB SITE?"
...

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AT SCHOOL
AGEHA-CHAN...
...WE SAW YOU ON THE INTERNET!
IT WAS CRAZY!
I WAS LIKE, "HEY, SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR!"
PERKY PERKY
ER, WHAT?
The net?
!
YOU'RE MODELING FOR "Q," RIGHT?
I bet I could fit into his clothes!
"CUE"...?
YOU TWO LOOK SO CUTE TOGETHER!
BUT HOW MANY PART TIME JOBS DO YOU HAVE?!
WITH SOME TOTAL HOTTIE, TOO!!

They must have hit the "Q" links page...and found the VBR web site.
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YOURSELF YET?
Unbelievable
Slow on the uptake
"Q!!"
OH MY GOSH! YOU MUST BE TALKING ABOUT THOSE PICTURES FROM THE PHOTO SHOOT!!
OKAY, OKAY, HOLD ON.
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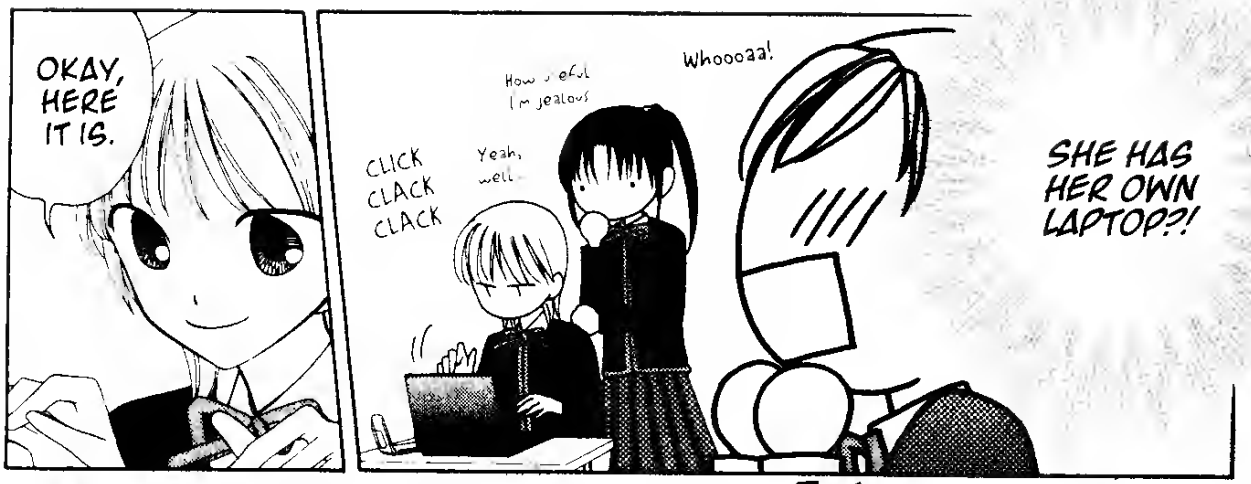
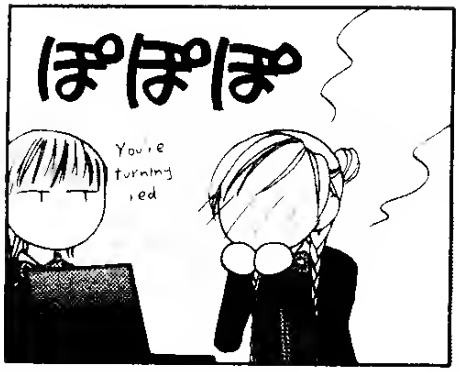
WOW, REALLY?
TO BE HONEST.
I'M NOT MUCH FOR TECHNOLOGY...
Although we've got a PC at home...
CLICK
Connection on!!


OKAY, HERE IT IS.
How awful I'm jealous
Whoooaa!
CLICK CLACK CLACK
Yeah, well...
SHE HAS HER OWN LAPTOP?!

What's new

WHOA....!!
...IT'S KIND OF UNREAL TO SEE MYSELF LIKE THAT.
But how cute!
NO...
THANK YOU, THAT WAS... AMAZING.
...YOU'RE THE AMAZING ONE.
Or maybe you're just lucky.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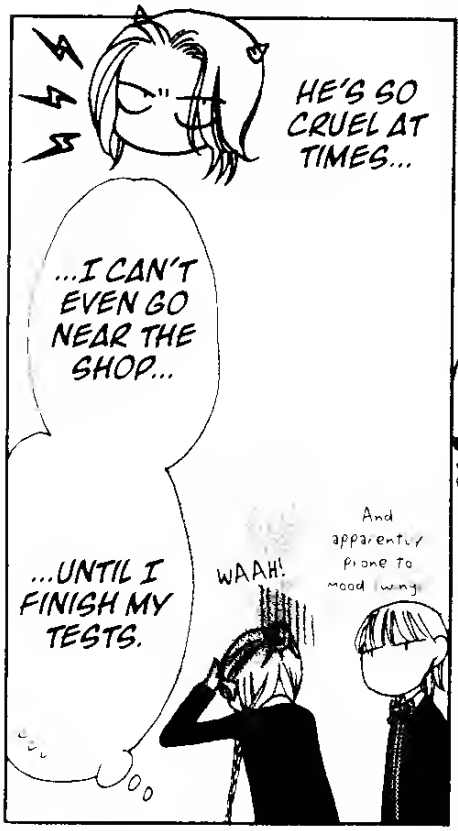
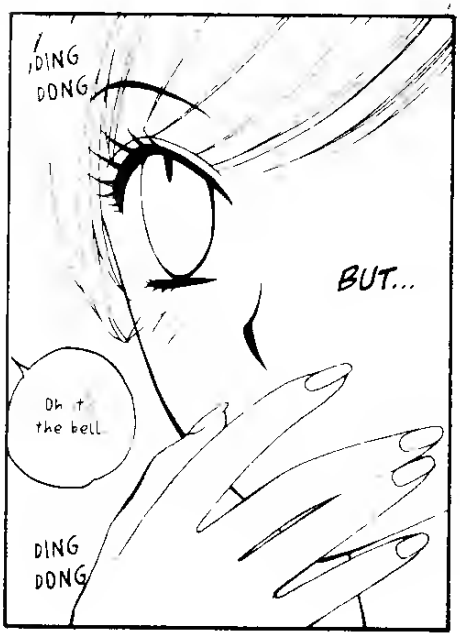
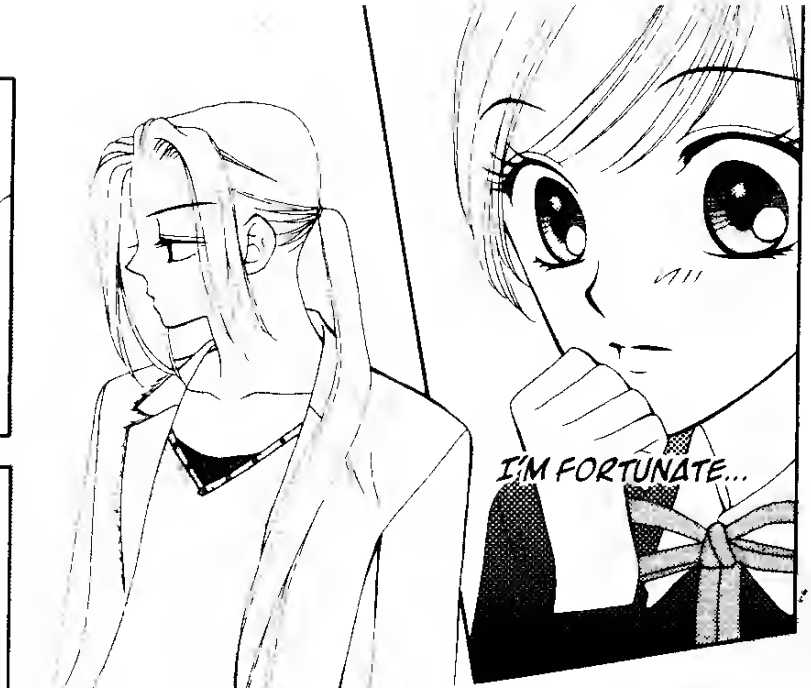
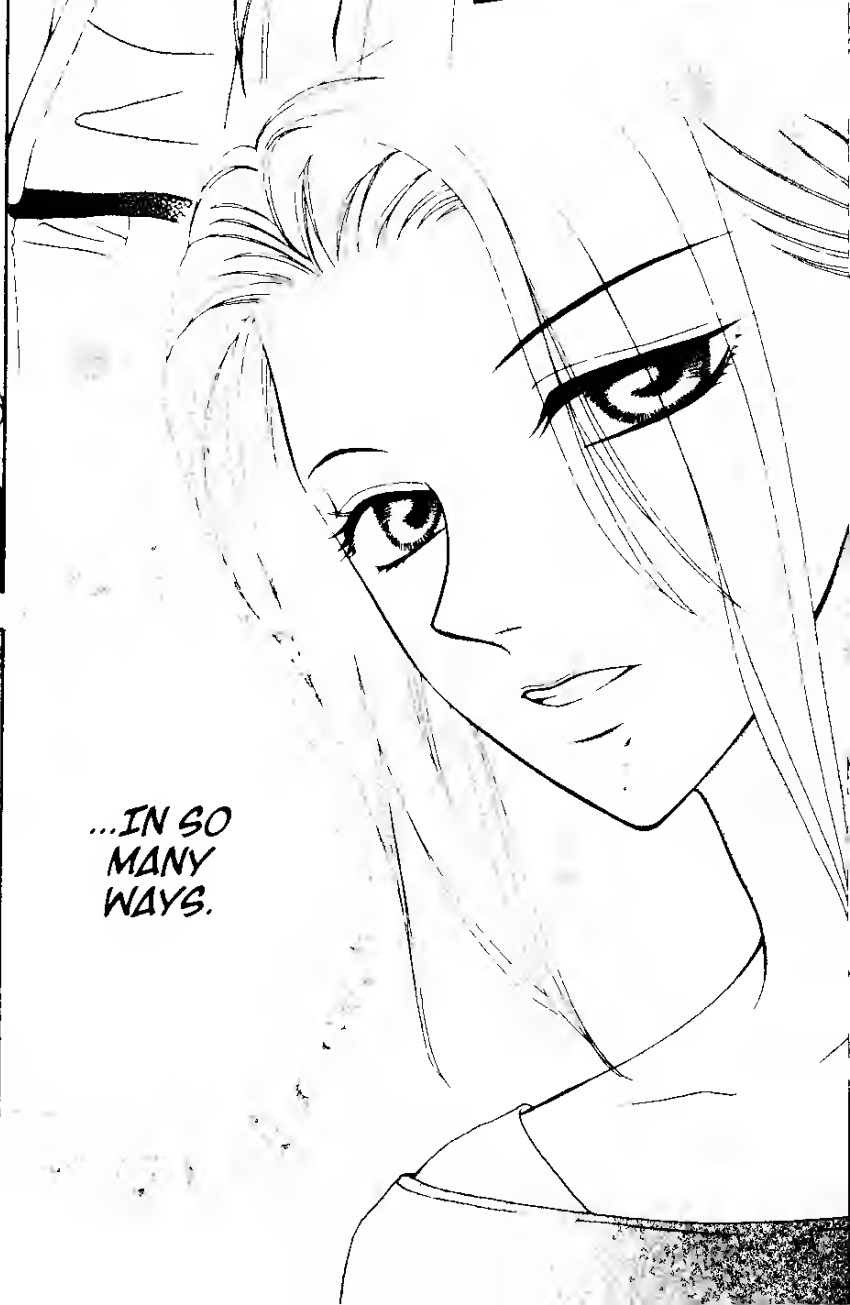
You're turning red


HE'S SO CRUEL AT TIMES...
...I CAN'T EVEN GO NEAR THE SHOP...
...UNTIL I FINISH MY TESTS.
WAAH!
And apparently prone to mood swings


DING DONG
BUT...
Oh ! the bell
DING DONG

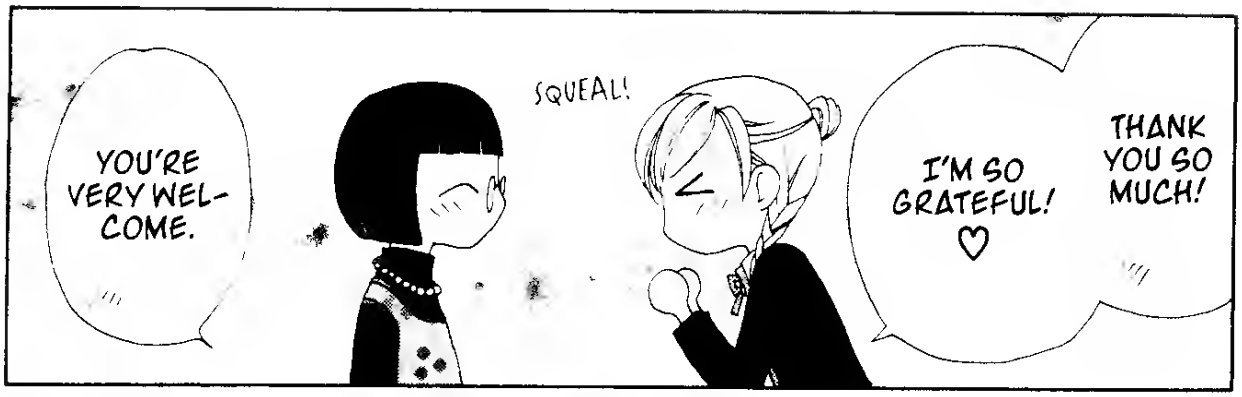

I'M FORTUNATE...


...IN SO MANY WAYS.

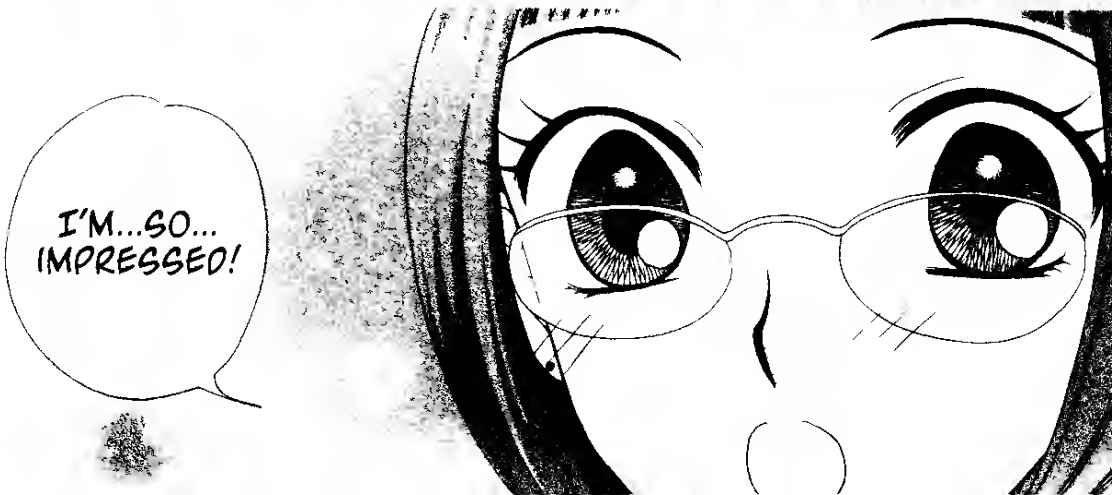
...THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T VISIT MY CO-WORKERS! ♡
SHIRASAKI PATCHWORK CLASS
SWEETNESS AND LIGHT!
SUGAR AND NICENESS!
SOUR AND
TART.

Goooong...
IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO GET TOGETHER WITH JUST US GIRLS!
Not listening.
IS SHE TALKING TO IMAGINARY PEOPLE?
DID ANYONE ELSE HEAR THAT SOUND EFFECT IN THE PREVIOUS PANEL? WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?!
A gong? Really?!
THREE, TWO, ONE!
YAY SOME MORE!
TERRIFIC!
PRESENT EXCHANGE TIME STARTS IN...
YAY!
TSUYU-SAN, IT'S ALMOST TIME.

HERE'S A BROOCH FOR YOU, AGEHA-CHAN.
Ta-daaaah!
I'M SURE I'LL LOVE IT!
WOW, IT'S A PINK BUT-TERFLY!!
THERE'S EVEN A RED STRAW-BERRY AND A FLOWER!
I TRIED TO MAKE IT WITH YOU IN MIND. ♡
What shall I put it on?
Oh my gosh, so cute!


YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.
SQUEAL!
I'M SO GRATEFUL! ♡
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

THUMP THUMP
HERE'S THE BAG I PROMISED I'D MAKE FOR YOU.


I'M...SO... IMPRESSED!

This is the last sidebar for this volume. Thank you very much for reading up until this point.

A great big thank you to everyone who helped out in the creation of this volume and to all of our readers!♪

The Bridal Fair story is finally over! I hope you guys all liked it. I would be honored if you would read Volume 10 as well!

Volume 10 will be released in Japan sometime in the summer...I think. Feel free to send me your thoughts and comments about Volume 9.♪

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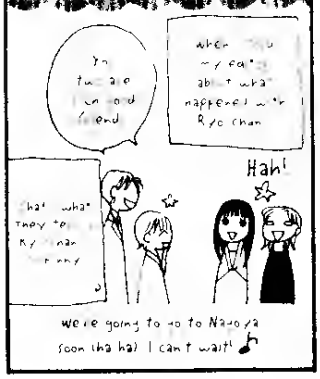
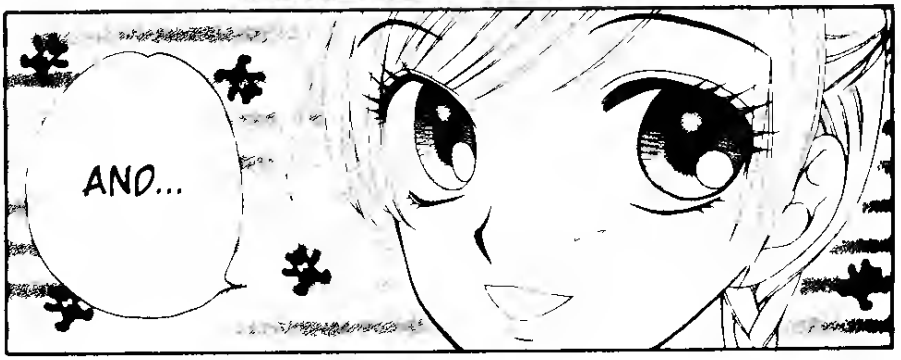
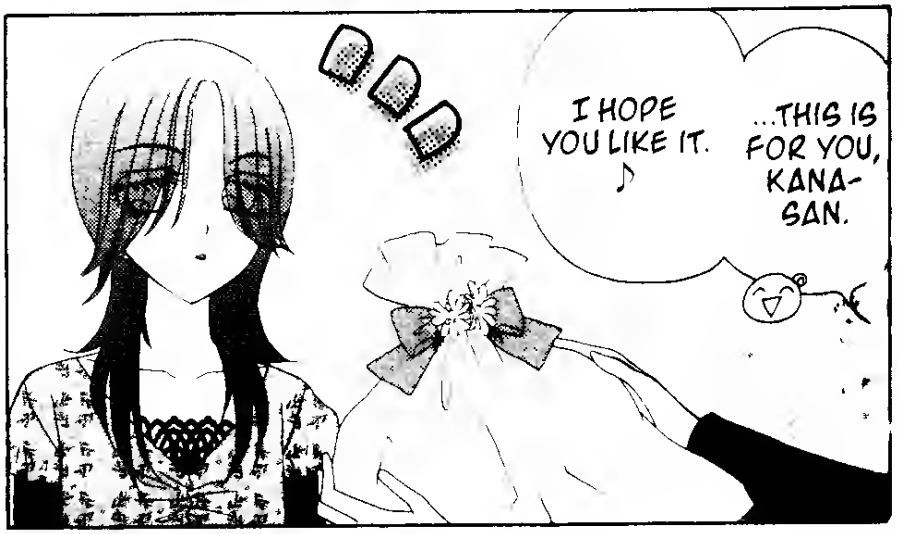
Thanks!♥



I picked a style I though would suit your kimono.♥
Yee hee!
You just get better and better!
I can really see the care and craft you put into this.
Wow, thank you so much!
How beautiful!





THUMP
THUMP
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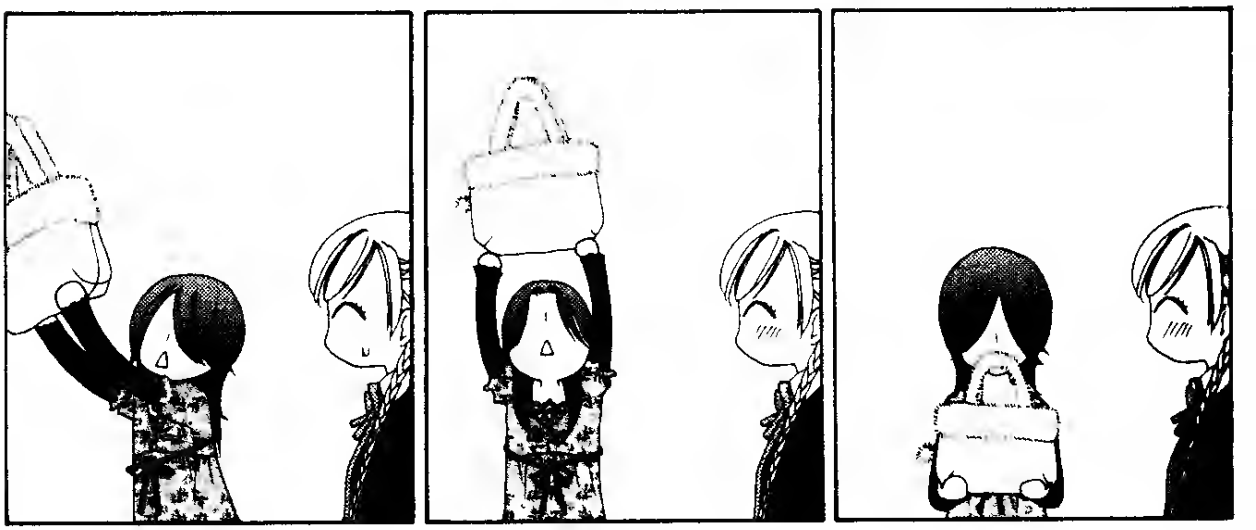
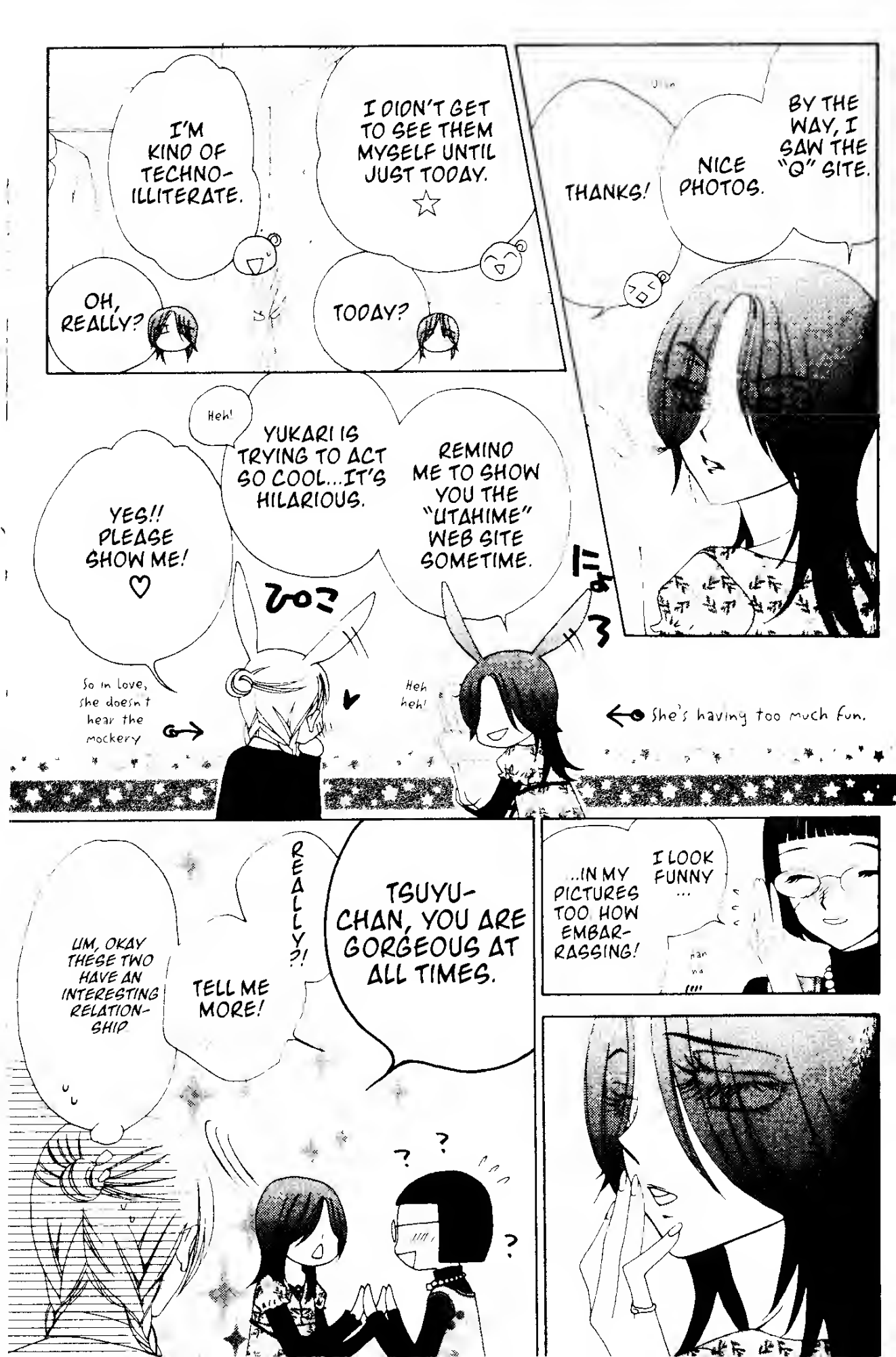
UM...♡
I MADE IT WITH WHITE FAKE FUR.
I THOUGHT THE FLUFFINESS WOULD SUIT YOU.
IT HAD BEEN A WHILE SINCE I MADE ANY BAGS, SO I REALLY HAD FUN PUTTING IT TOGETHER.
Heh~heh
You should be able to use a winter-ish bag for a little longer!
IT'S SO... FUZZY.



fuzzy
.....
SHE LOOKS READY TO THROW IT IN MY FACE
THUMP THUMP
HUG...
IT'LL DO.
LOVE-SQUEEZE!
SHE'S SO CUTE WHEN SHE TRIES!


I'M KIND OF TECHNO-ILLITERATE.
I DIDN'T GET TO SEE THEM MYSELF UNTIL JUST TODAY.
OH, REALLY?
TODAY?
THANKS!
NICE PHOTOS.
BY THE WAY, I SAW THE "Q" SITE.
Heh!
YUKARI IS TRYING TO ACT SO COOL...IT'S HILARIOUS.
REMIND ME TO SHOW YOU THE "UTAHIME" WEB SITE SOMETIME.
YES!! PLEASE SHOW ME! ♡
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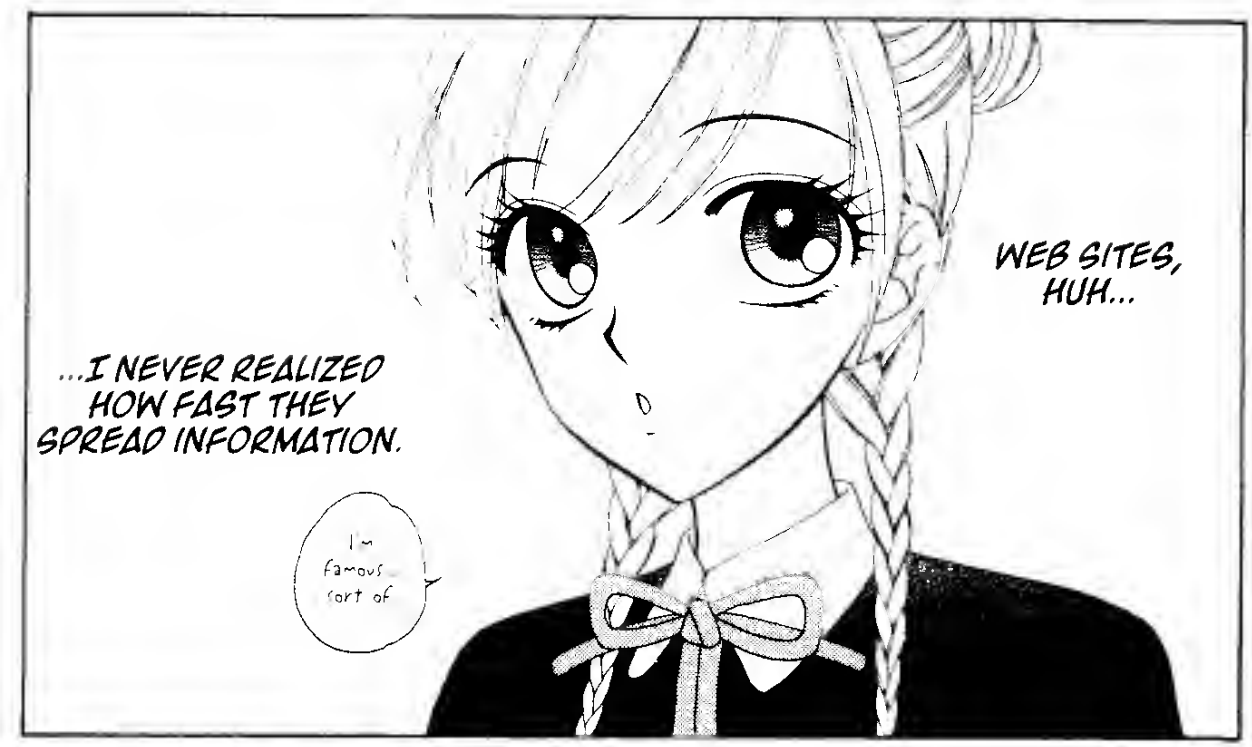
So in love, she doesn't hear the mockery
Heh heh!
She's having too much fun.
..IN MY PICTURES TOO HOW EMBARRASSING!
I LOOK FUNNY ...
nan na !!!!
TSUYU-CHAN, YOU ARE GORGEOUS AT ALL TIMES.
REALLY?!
TELL ME MORE!
UM, OKAY THESE TWO HAVE AN INTERESTING RELATIONSHIP
? ? ?


WEB SITES, HUH...
...I NEVER REALIZED HOW FAST THEY SPREAD INFORMATION.
I'm famous sort of

—— SOMEHOW, THE TESTS WERE SAFELY CONCLUDED ——
I CAN FINALLY GO BACK TO WORK AGAIN TOMORROW!!
YAY!! I'M DONE!!

ACTUALLY...♪
THEY TOLD ME I DIDN'T HAVE TO COME IN TODAY...
...BUT THAT'S NEVER STOPPED ME BEFORE. ♪
OH?
THAT'S ...
Okay, you're all set
SAKURA-KUN...
...RIRIKO-SAN!
Oh.
OH!
Hey! Welcome home from school

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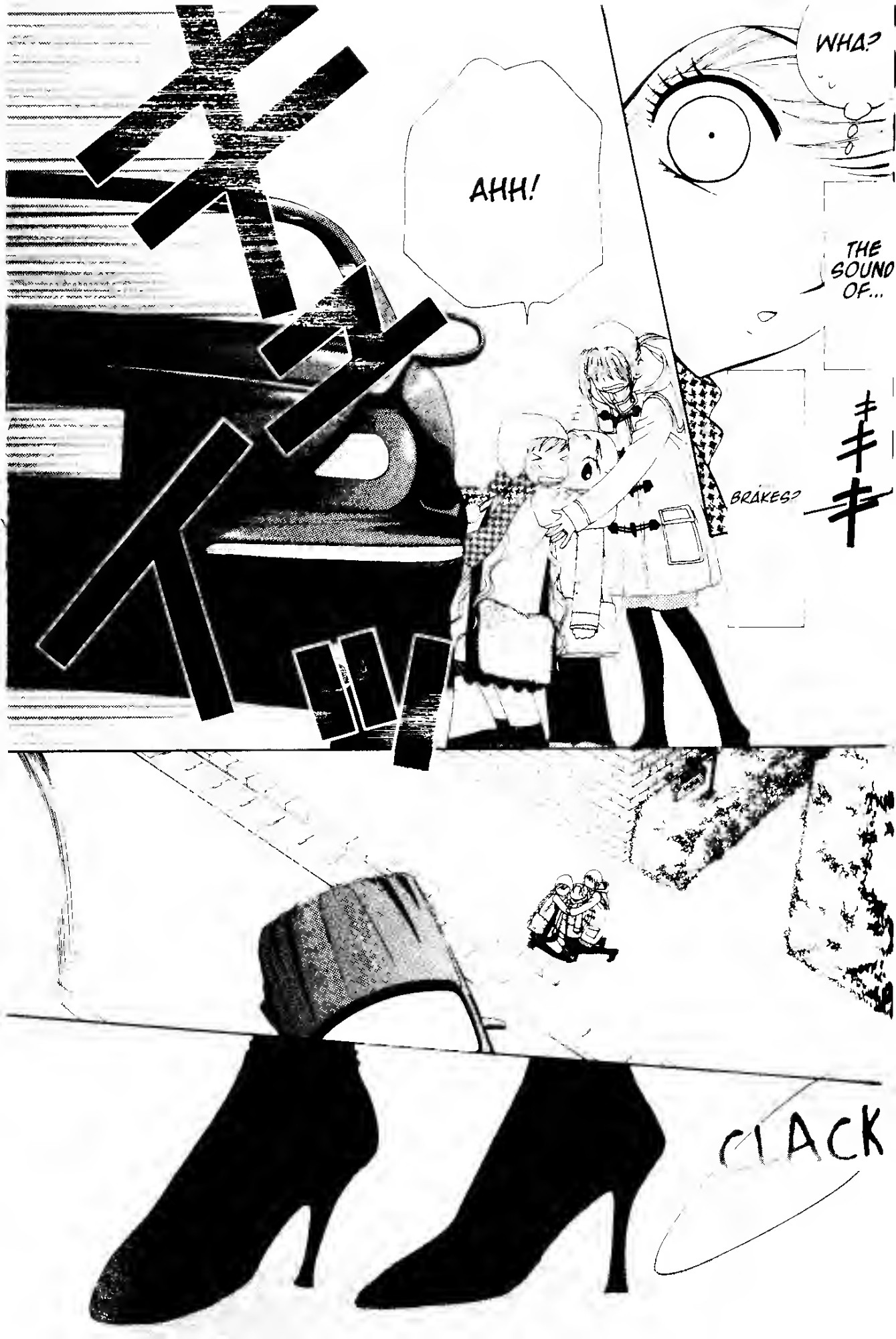
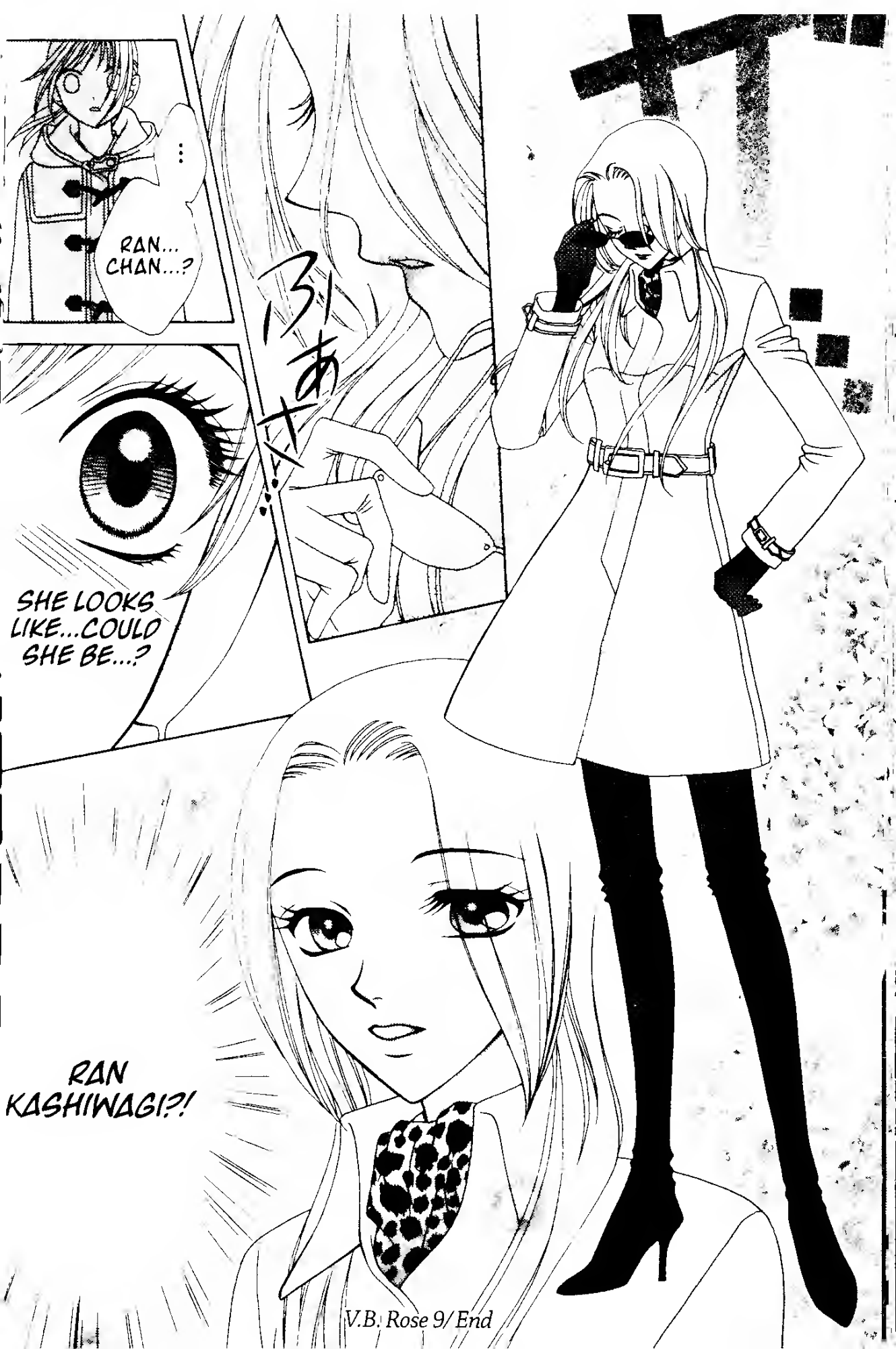
Fast!
キュッ
Whoa!
AGEHA-CHAN! ♡
AGEHA-CHAN, ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR EXAMS?!
WHY, YES I AM. HOW DID YOU KNOW?
Heh heh!
A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME. ☆
But!
YOU LOOK LIKE A LITTLE CAT, ACTUALLY.
MWEE HEE!
VROOM
キキキ!!!


AHH!
WHA?
THE SOUND OF...
BRAKES?
CLACK


...
RAN... CHAN...?
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SHE LOOKS LIKE...COULD SHE BE...?
RAN KASHIWAGI?!

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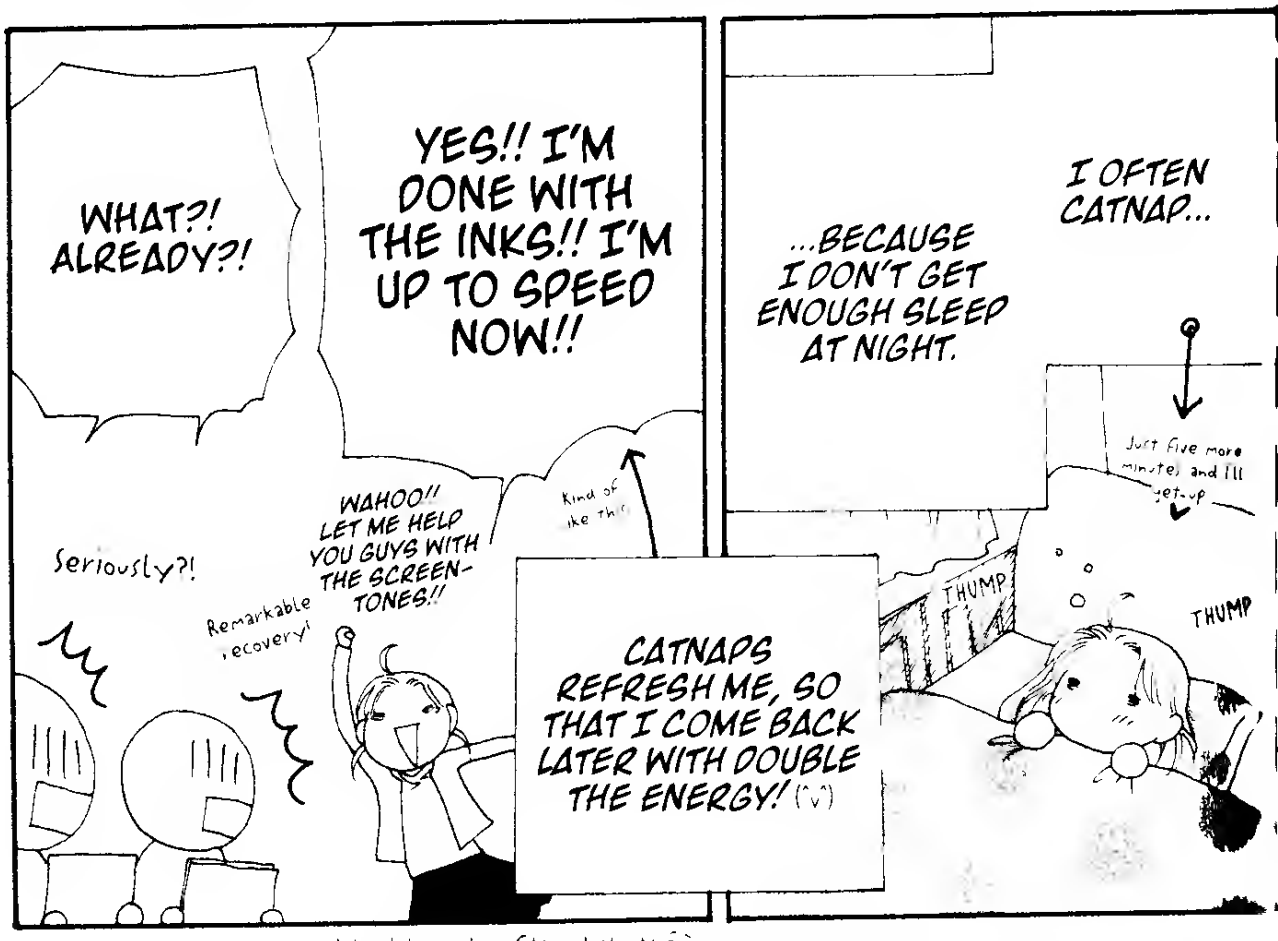
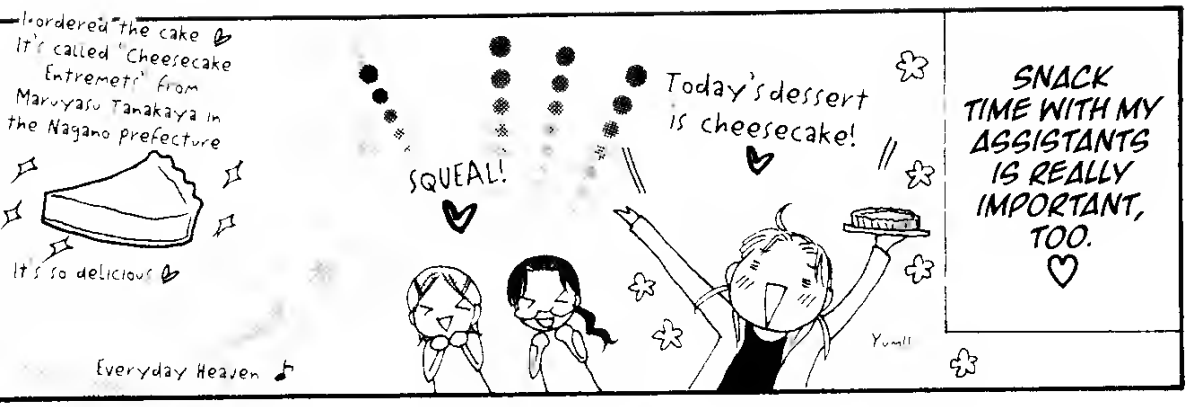
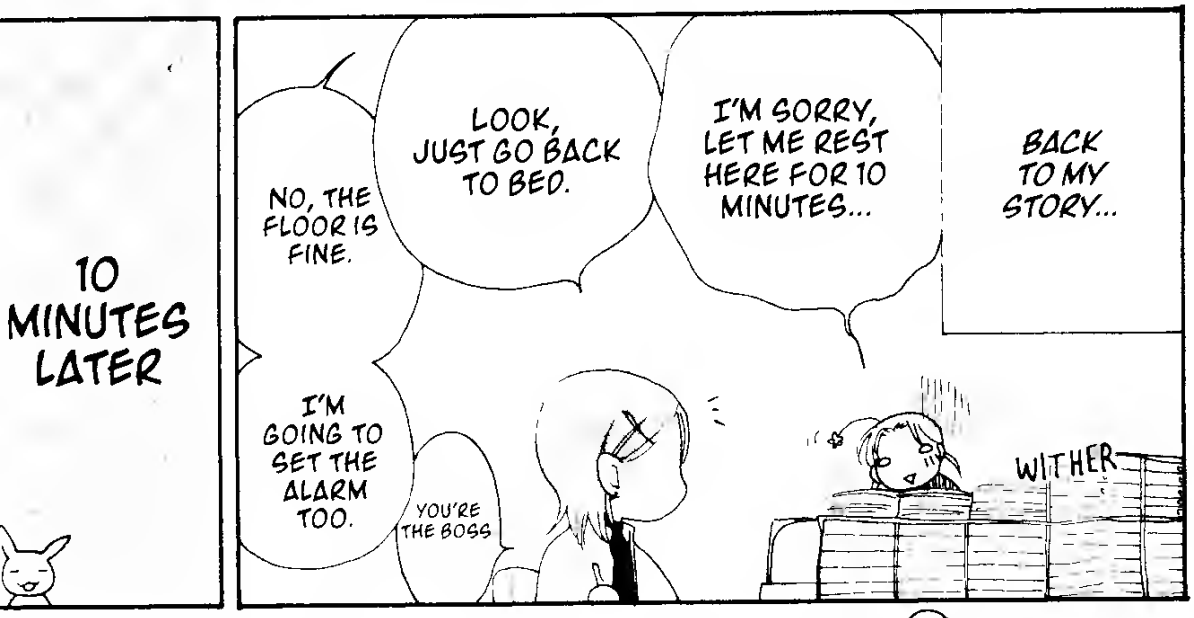
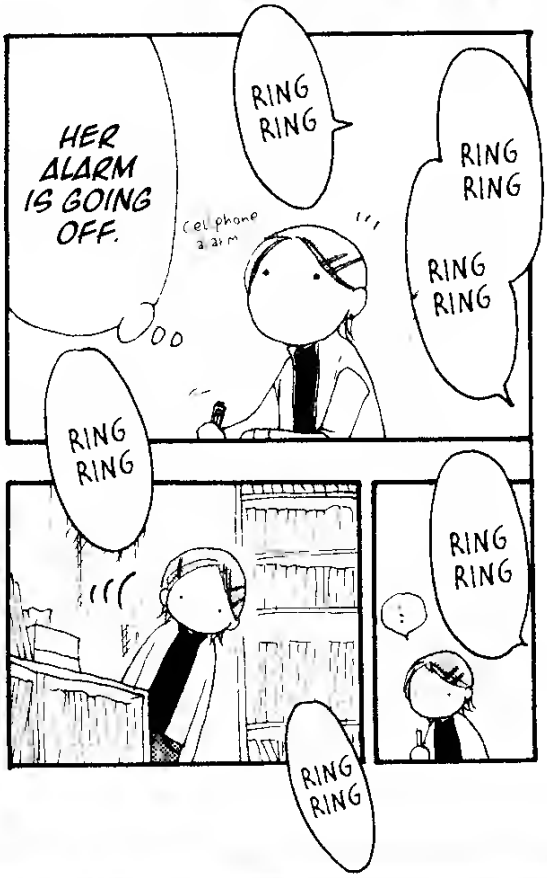

WHAT?! ALREADY?!
YES!! I'M DONE WITH THE INKS!! I'M UP TO SPEED NOW!!
Seriously?!
Remarkable recovery!
WAHOO!! LET ME HELP YOU GUYS WITH THE SCREEN-TONES!!
Kind of like this.
CATNAPS REFRESH ME, SO THAT I COME BACK LATER WITH DOUBLE THE ENERGY! (^v^)
...BECAUSE I DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP AT NIGHT.
I OFTEN CATNAP...
Just five more minutes and I'll get up
THUMP
THUMP

I tend to work in fits and starts ^^;


I ordered the cake
It's called "Cheesecake Entremet" from Maruyasu Tanakaya in the Nagano prefecture
It's so delicious
Everyday Heaven
SQUEAL!
Today's dessert is cheesecake!
Yum!!
SNACK TIME WITH MY ASSISTANTS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, TOO.


10 MINUTES LATER
NO, THE FLOOR IS FINE.
LOOK, JUST GO BACK TO BED.
I'M SORRY, LET ME REST HERE FOR 10 MINUTES...
BACK TO MY STORY...
I'M GOING TO SET THE ALARM TOO.
YOU'RE THE BOSS
WITHER


HER ALARM IS GOING OFF.
RING RING
RING RING
RING RING
RING RING
cel phone alarm
RING RING
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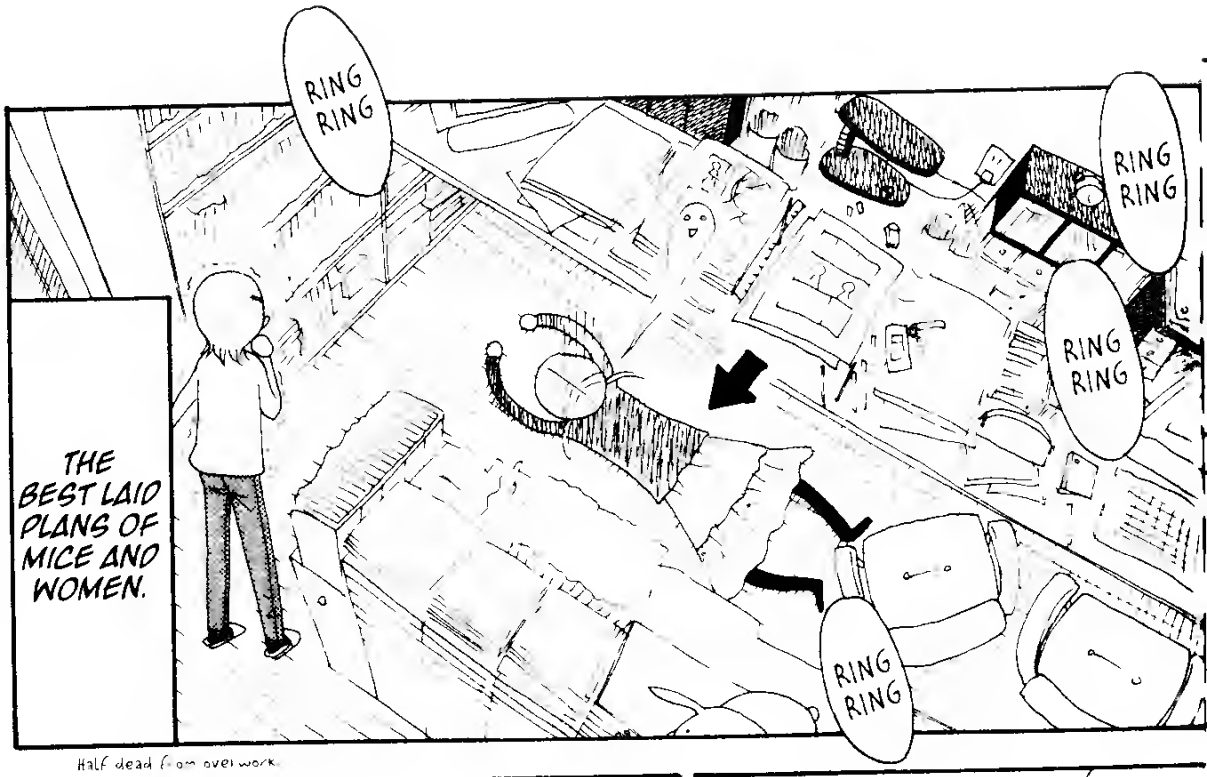
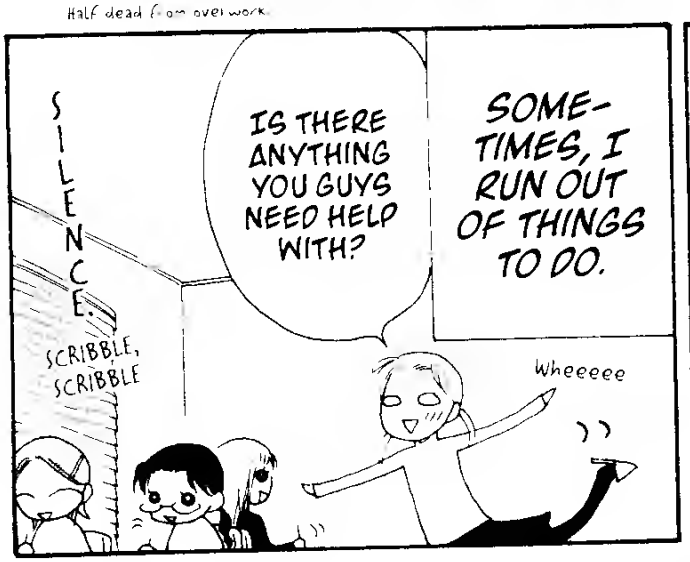
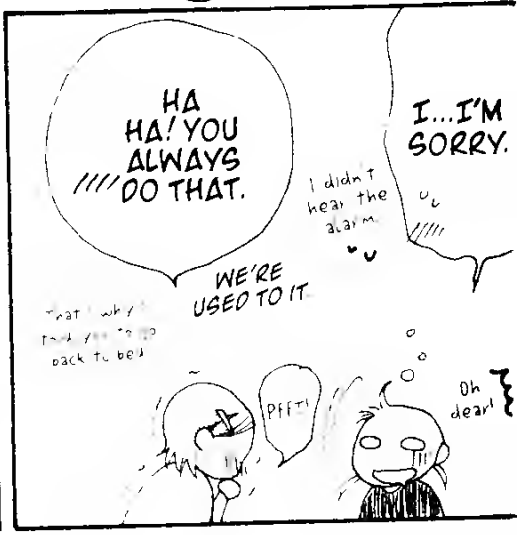
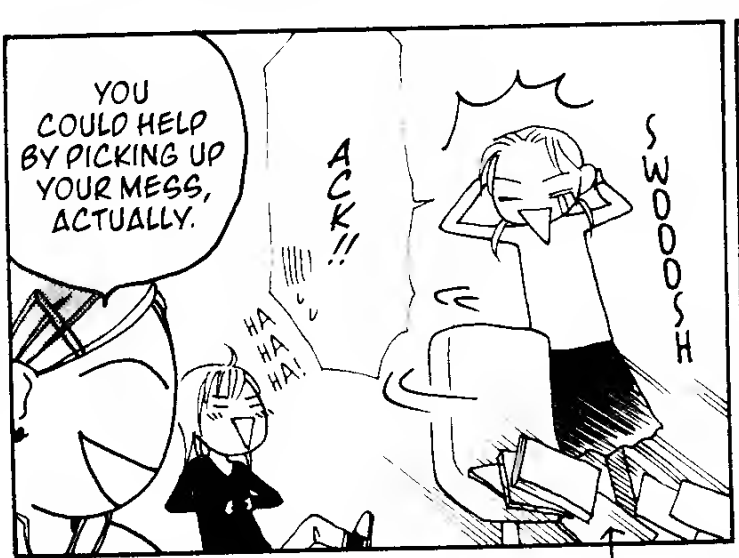
RING RING



Half dead from overwork.







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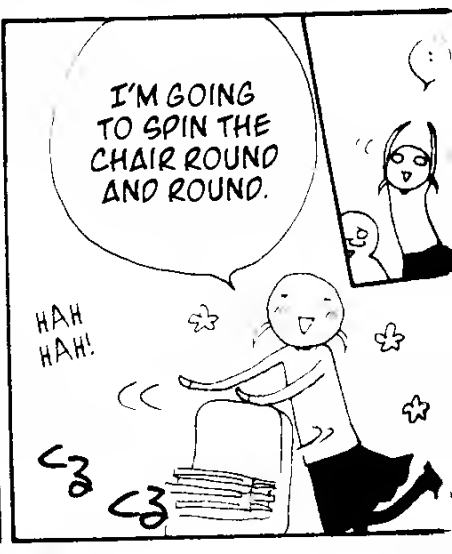
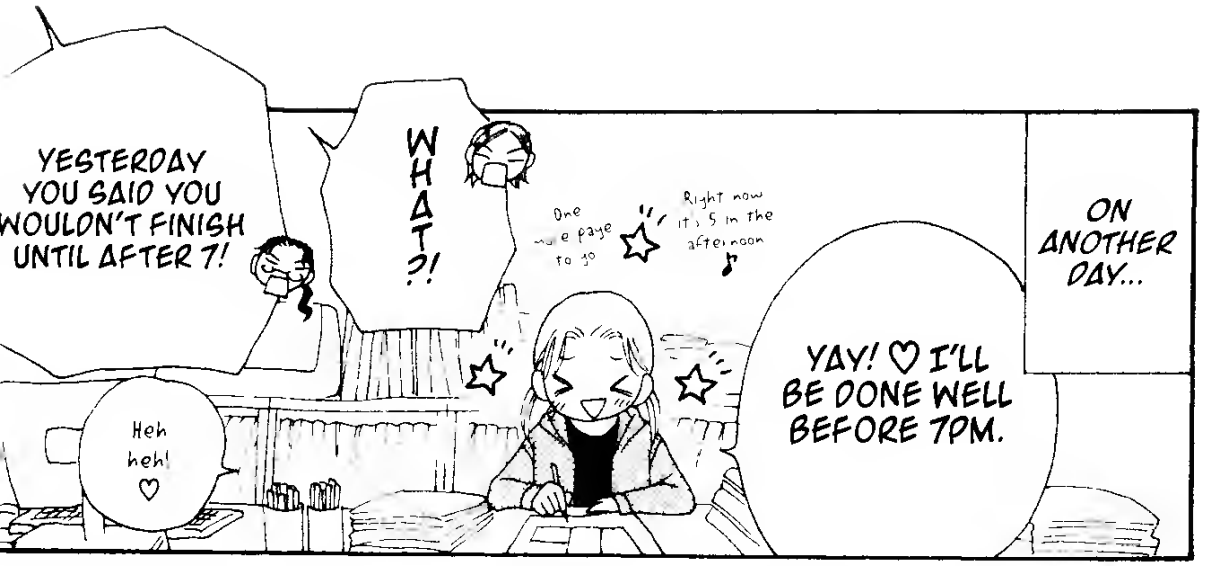
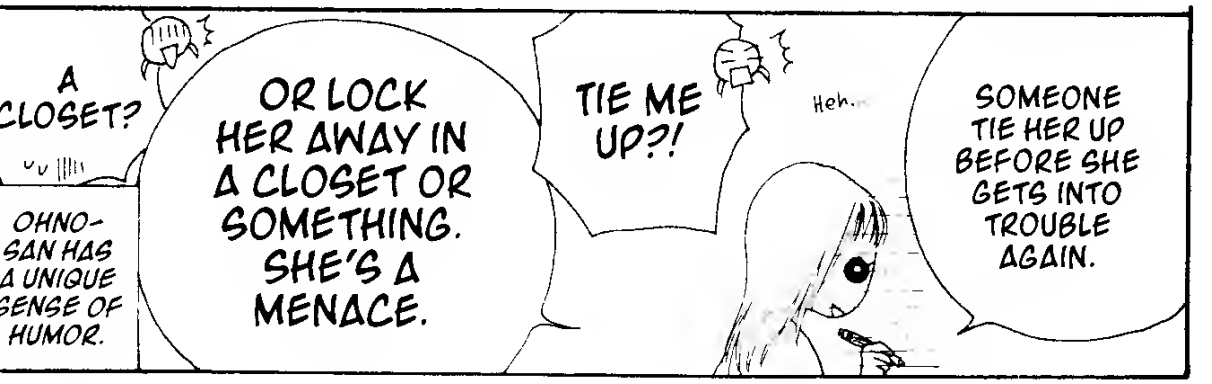
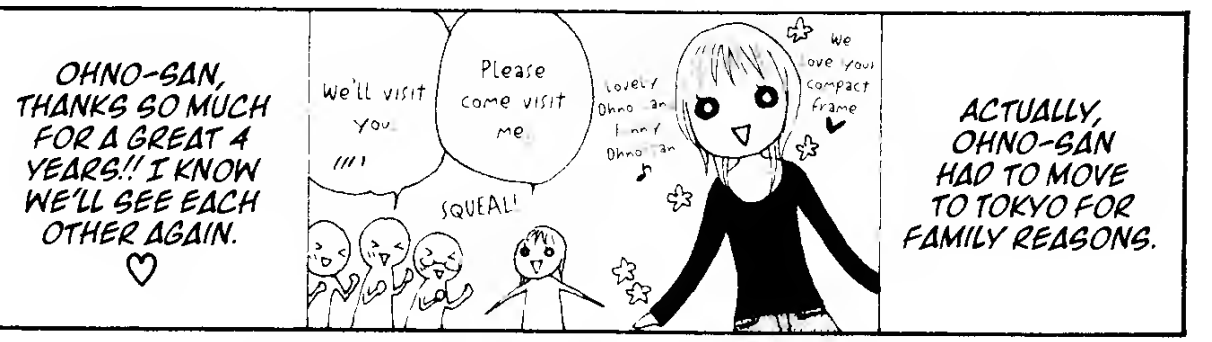
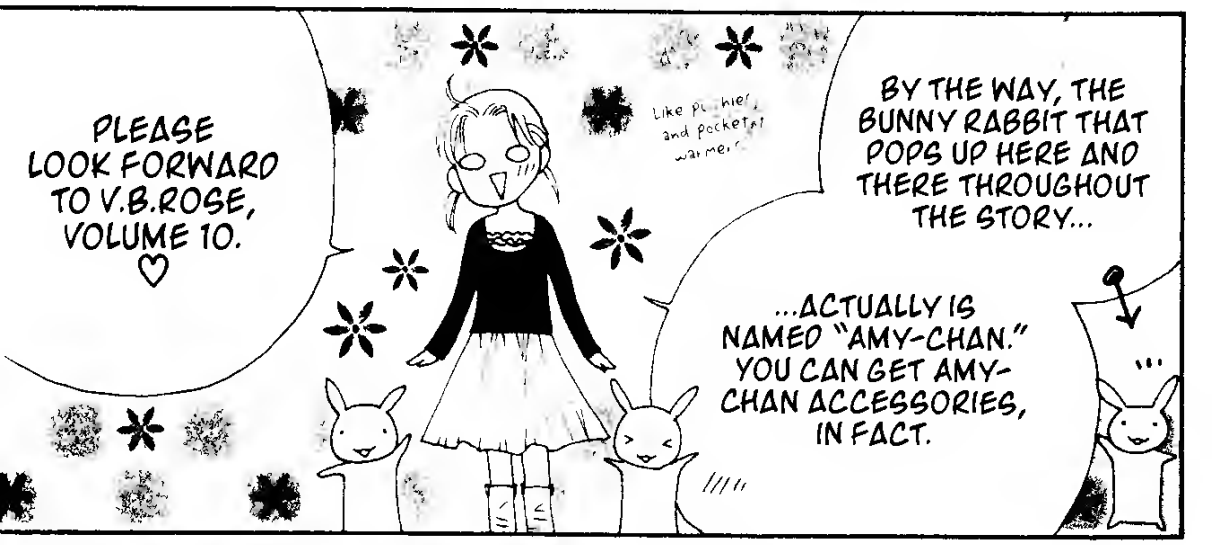



YESTERDAY YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T FINISH UNTIL AFTER 7!
WHAT?!
One more page to go
Right now it's 5 in the afternoon
Heh heh! ♡
YAY! ♡ I'LL BE DONE WELL BEFORE 7PM.
ON ANOTHER DAY...


A CLOSET?
OHNO-SAN HAS A UNIQUE SENSE OF HUMOR.
OR LOCK HER AWAY IN A CLOSET OR SOMETHING. SHE'S A MENACE.
TIE ME UP?!
Heh...
SOMEONE TIE HER UP BEFORE SHE GETS INTO TROUBLE AGAIN.


OHNO-SAN, THANKS SO MUCH FOR 4 GREAT 4 YEARS!! I KNOW WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN. ♡
We'll visit you.
Please come visit me.
SQUEAL!
Lovely Ohno-san
I love Ohno-san
We love your compact frame
ACTUALLY, OHNO-SAN HAD TO MOVE TO TOKYO FOR FAMILY REASONS.


PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO V.B.ROSE, VOLUME 10. ♡
Like plushies and pocket warmers
BY THE WAY, THE BUNNY RABBIT THAT POPS UP HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT THE STORY...
...ACTUALLY IS NAMED "AMY-CHAN." YOU CAN GET AMY-CHAN ACCESSORIES, IN FACT.

Banri Hidaka's Everyday Heaven./END